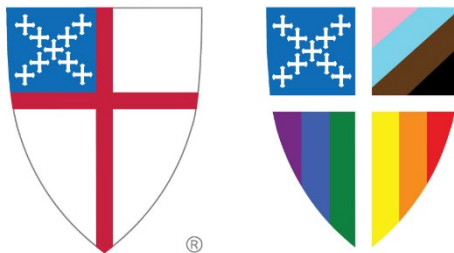


Episcopal Church of Reconciliation



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**All are welcome
Todos son benvenidos**



**The Third Sunday of Advent
Tercer Domingo de Adviento**

**December 14, 2025
11:00am**

Our Mission

We seek and experience God through worship and discovery as we welcome, embrace, and serve one another and our neighbors, respecting all of Creation and living on Earth in the assurance that by God's love all things have their being.

Our Vision

Living out the Radical and Reconciling Love of Christ, we are catalysts and connectors unleashing God's abundance to bless and transform ourselves, our neighborhood and our world.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, hunters, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the dirt track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or came because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you! Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes (Latin for 'entrance').

WELCOME CARDS

If you are visiting today, please fill out one of the Welcome Cards in your pew or use this QR code, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an Usher or the priest. Rev. Reagan would like to phone you and offer a personal greeting. If you provide your email address, we will add you to our weekly newsletter distribution. We're glad you are here!



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

To parents and guardians of children....May we suggest...RELAX!
God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Feel free to sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others! Children learn about worship by being in worship. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and one another.
To members of our parish: *The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

GOT QUESTIONS?

We LOVE questions! Rev. Reagan would be more than happy to talk to you about your questions. You can call the office at (210) 655-2731 or email rector@cor-satx.org.

The Prelude

Nativity Carol by John Rutter
Christina Denton, Interim Music Director

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” *John 8:12*

As we light the first three candles of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for your great love in Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts to receive your love and show us the way to give that love to others. Amen.

Our first Advent candle will be lit, which represents hope.

Our second Advent candle will be lit, which represents peace.

Our third Advent candle will be lit, which represents joy.

The Procession and Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #462 The Lord Will Come And Not Be Slow

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

S-280 Hymnal 1982

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 35:1-10

Read by Mercedes Zamudio

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Lector: Una lectura de Santiago.

Pero ustedes, hermanos, tengan paciencia hasta que el Señor venga. El campesino que espera recoger la preciosa cosecha, tiene que aguardar con paciencia las temporadas de lluvia. Ustedes también tengan paciencia y manténganse firmes, porque muy pronto volverá el Señor.

Hermanos, no se quejen unos de otros, para que no sean juzgados; pues el Juez está ya a la puerta. Hermanos míos, tomen como ejemplo de sufrimiento y paciencia a los profetas que hablaron en nombre del Señor.

Lector: Palabra de Dios.

Todos: Demos Gracias a Dios.

The Gospel Acclamation

Bells.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bells.

Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bells.

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

James 5:7-10

Read by Brandon Beck (in Spanish)

Lector: A reading from James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 11:2-11

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Christmas Pageant

Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethelhem
Hymnal 1982 #102 "Once In Royal David's City"

The Baby Is Born
Hymnal 1982 #101 "Away In A Manger"

The Shepherds Arrive
Hymnal 1982 #96 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Epiphany – A Visit from the Magi
Hymnal 1982 #128 "We Three Kings"

A Gift for the Whole World
Hymnal 1982 #83 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Read by Judith Anthony

Intercessor:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; David and Angela, our Bishops, Reagan, our priest; Jennifer, Jude, and Emily, our seminarians; and all other ministers of the church;

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for creation. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, so that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those from our parish family: Kimberly, Kes, Carolyn, Mary, Kathy, Jean, Len, Rich, Pam, Rusty, Peter, George, Bob, Mark, Patrick, Brenda, John, Ronald, Ivonne, Autumn, Linda, and Michael, and those we name either silently or aloud ____; Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we name either silently or aloud _____.
that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your
eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant prays a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen
you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people exchange greetings.

The Gathering Song

**Awake, Awake
With One Voice #633**

Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heavenly door,
and lives now inside us forever.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Offertory Anthem

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel
The Hymnal 1982 #56**

What can I give him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
 Yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer III, Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también
nosotros perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,
tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.
Amén.

The Breaking of Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The people respond: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Holy Communion

Not just Episcopalians are invited to the table. Age, confirmation, and communion instruction are not a factor. Hold out your hands, and you will be fed. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. It is completely permissible to kneel or to stand at the altar rail. Do not take physical risks to assume a particular posture.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, just let the ministers know at the rail. You may drink from the common cup (chalice) or intinct (dip) your bread in the intinction cup. Not to worry—you have fully received Communion if you have received only the bread or wafer.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will ask God's blessing upon you. If you are differently abled and need to be served communion in your pew let an usher know and the priest will come to you.

Communion Hymn

Colours of Christmas (instrumental)

The Greeting at the Rail

At the rail, pass the following greeting to your neighbor.

Greeting: Our God draws near.

Response: Let us prepare the way.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent forth, they are commissioned with the following form:

Celebrant and People: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #65 Prepare The Way, O Zion

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the people. The People Respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brad and Sarah Teahl in honor of their fifth wedding anniversary.

Serving and Ministering Today

December 14, 2025

8:00am

Verger: Lou Navarro

Lector: Christine Hausser

Spanish Lector: Lou Navarro

Prayers of the People: Christine Hausser

Intincter: Madeline Spencer-Marshall

Chalice: Ken Sullivan

Sound: Rusty Wilson

Altar Guild: Team IV (Rusty and Katheryn Team)

Usher: Robert Carington

11:00 am

Verger: Lou Navarro

Livestream: Erica Valle

Lector: Mercedes Zamudio

Spanish Lector: Brandon Beck

Prayers of the People: Judith Anthony

Intincter: Pat Patterson

Chalice: Margaret Lewis

Acolytes: Thea Downey, Colin Downey, Forest Gwin, Kathryn Daniels

Sound: Lee Mick

Altar Guild: Team IV (Rusty and Katheryn Team)

Ushers: Eddie Cox (lead), Michael Seitz, Mark Gwin

Greeters: Sonia Suire (lead), Vanessa Gill

Godly Play: None (Christmas Pageant)

Coffee Hour: Katheryn Cox, Marise Melson

Worship

Morning Prayer in Spanish **Every Friday at 9am**

All are invited to gather in the sanctuary or on Zoom for Morning Prayer in Spanish. Can't speak Spanish? No problem! We will have translated booklets for you to follow along. Email erica@cor-satx.org with questions and for the Zoom link.

The Holy Shift: Change in Worship Service Times

The new schedule will be as follows:

8am: Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)

9am: Breakfast

10am: Formation Hour

11am: Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music, livestreamed)

Christmas Eve at Reconciliation

Please join us on Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00pm for our Christmas Eve. We will feature music from our choir and from young musicians in our congregation. The service will be livestreamed. We will not have a Christmas Day service.

Formation

Journey in Faith, 9:30am in Cranmer Classroom

Join our ongoing discussion of "The Way of Love."

God's Stories as told by God's People

An all ages and all abilities formation class that includes storytelling in the biblical context and reflection in new and creative ways. This class will meet at 10am in Brown Hall. Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult. If you are unable to accompany your child to this formation offering please email Tamara@cor-satx.org for accommodation options.

Bible Study on Zoom

Join us for our Tuesday Zoom Bible Study at 12pm led by Charles Daniels. This study follows the lectionary, as they look at the Sunday's upcoming readings together. Contact Charles at lester924@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

The Taboos of Motherhood Formation Class, Sundays at 10am in the Library

Beginning December 7th, we'll listen to the And Also with You podcast mini series on the taboos of motherhood, and then join together to discuss our own experiences in class.

Topics will include:

- December 7th: Christian motherhood without being a trad wife
- December 14th: Publicly navigating a miscarriage
- December 21: Maternal mental health
- January 4th: Is God our mother too?
- January 11th: Unexpected pregnancies

Outreach

Little Food Pantry Help

There are dates available to help fill the Little Food pantry! We are looking for one-time volunteers as well as regular monthly volunteers. Contact the office for more details. This pantry feeds our neighbors and is an outward sign of our inward commitment to serve. Please email Meghan at meghanl.perry@gmail.com.

Christmas Cards for Detainees

All are invited to write Christmas cards for those detained in ICE facilities. We will have cards and some Spanish phrases available in Brown Hall. They will be distributed where the chaplains have received ICE permission to distribute them. The detention center in Dilley has been approved and the response to the request is pending with the Karnes facility.

Food Bank Help

If you or someone you know is struggling to have enough food, the San Antonio Food Bank can help. Visit freshtrak.com to search for food distribution events near any zip code.

Fellowship

Acolyte Christmas Party

All acolytes are invited to celebrate the season together with bowling, games, and food! Join us at Pinstack TODAY at 2pm. Sign up here: <https://cor-satx.org/acolyte-christmas-party/>

Rev. Reagan's Maternity Leave

Some of you have asked what the plan is once Baby Gonzalez #3 makes her appearance. The plan is for me to serve at our 4pm Christmas Eve service, and then begin my maternity leave. While I am away for 12 weeks we will have supply priests come in and celebrate Eucharist and be with you on Sunday mornings. There will also be a few priests on call in case of a pastoral emergency.

In my absence the staff and vestry will be communicating regularly to ensure the business of the church goes on as usual.

Our Community of Hope chaplains are always ready to engage in pastoral care for our community and will continue to do so in my absence.

I plan to return in time for Holy Week and my first Sunday back to be Easter Sunday 2026.

Ministries

Lighthouse Faith

This fall Reconciliation will launch a new missional community: Lighthouse Faith. In partnership with Episcopal churches and other affirming faith communities, The Lighthouse provides safe spaces for LGBTQiA+ youth and their parents to find friendship and share supportive resources. Tamara Talasek is the Director of Lighthouse Faith. Please contact her at tamara@cor-satx.org with any questions and for meeting details.

Meditation Circle

Join our Meditation Circle **Fridays at 10am in Cranmer classroom**. Anyone can meditate; it's simple, but not easy. The group will hear and discuss a reading, reflection, poetry, or scripture for 30 minutes and meditate in silence for 30 minutes. Come learn about and explore the spiritual practice of meditation and through it to experience the contemplative dimension of spirituality. All are welcome.

Community of Hope at Reconciliation

At Reconciliation we have a wonderful group of trained Lay Chaplains who are prepared to walk alongside you or a loved one in a variety of pastoral care situations. These Chaplains work closely with Rev. Reagan to ensure the overall wellbeing of our parishioners and their families through all sorts of life's ups and downs. If you are interested in getting connected with a lay chaplain for a chronic or critical pastoral care need, please contact Timothy Webber, timothypwebber@aol.com, Brandon Beck, drbrandonbeck@gmail.com, or Rev. Reagan rector@cor-satx.org for more information.

What is Community of Hope International (COHI)? COHI equips lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Pastoral care is when a person is being "present" in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for the purpose of consciously or unconsciously representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs.

Flower Guild

Rev. Reagan is reviving an Episcopal tradition of having a Flower Guild at Reconciliation. This group will assist in the decorating and placement of flowers and other decorative liturgical objects for Christmas and Easter, and any other occasional feast day that calls for the extra beauty of holiness. All genders and ages (kids and youth with a guardian) are welcome. The first meeting will take place in early December to plan for Christmas, and then will meet again before Easter.

DECEMBER



AT RECONCILIATION

BE IN COMMUNITY WITH US THIS SEASON

06

**FOOD BANK
COMMUNITY
DAY 9AM**

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**PARISH MEETING
THE CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT
ACOLYTE PARTY**

07

**THE BABY
SHOWER**

21

**COOKIE MORNING
BILL AND RUSTY
RETIREMENT
RECEPTIONS**

10

**LA POSADA
5:30PM**

24

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE 4PM**

12

**EARLY
LEARNERS
NIGHT OUT
5:30PM**

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**MORNING PRAYER
SERVICE AND
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
10AM**

**SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES
8AM AND 11AM**



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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 25TH - JAN. 6TH



FAMILY MINISTRY

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION
THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Sunday Formation Schedules

Infants-Kindergarteners

Classrooms open at 8:45am

9:15am Faith Guides for Littles
11am Godly Play

Classrooms close at 12:15pm

Elementary Students

10am God's Stories in Brown Hall

10:30am StoryMaker's Studio in
Children's Building

11am Godly Play
Return for communion

Youth

10am The Breakfast Club
Youth Group
1st and 3rd Sundays

Reminders

Reconciliation offers activities designed to enrich your child's experience on Sunday Mornings. Classrooms open at 8:45am. Enjoy breakfast together and come be formed with us!

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 6th Cookies with Santa
- Dec. 14th Christmas Pageant
Acolyte Bowling Party
- Dec. 21st Cookie Workshop
- Dec. 24th Young Musicians

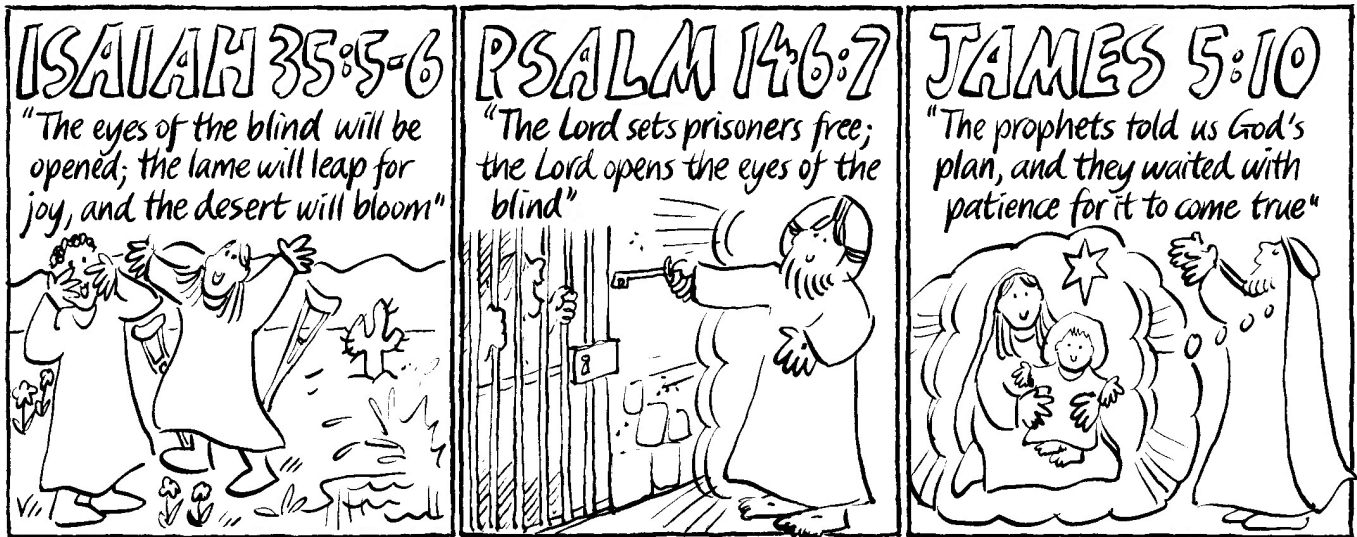
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THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year A
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When the people of Israel were waiting for the Messiah that God had promised, the PROPHETS told them how they would recognize him. A PROPHET is someone who knows God better than other people do, and can tell people what God is planning for them. The prophets in Israel said that the Messiah would save the poor and helpless, and make the world beautiful again!



Today at Reconciliation Formation

- **All Ages and Abilities:** God's Stories for God's Children in Brown Hall, 10am
- **Adults:** The Taboos of Motherhood in Library at 10am
- **Adults:** Journey in Faith Group in Cranmer, 9:30am
- **1st-5th Grade:** Storymakers Studio in Children's Building
- **4yrs-4th Grade:** Godly Play during the 11:00am service
- **Youth:** Breakfast Club in the Youth Room 10:00am 1st and 3rd Sundays

Fellowship

- **All Ages Christmas Cookie Workshop,** 9:30am-11am, Brown Hall
- **Parish Meeting** in Brown Hall, 9:30am
- **Hot Breakfast** in Brown Hall, 9am
- **Coffee Hour** in Brown Hall after the 11am service

The Holy Shift: Change in Worship Service Times

The new schedule will be as follows:

8am: Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)

9am: Breakfast

10am: Formation Hour

11am: Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music, livestreamed)

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