

# celebration of christian worship

## GATHER...TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Sharing of the Peace and Welcome	Dr. Leonard Ezell
Invitation to Worship	Dr. Ezell
Prelude	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i> arr. John Carter Melvin Hale, organ

- \*Call to Worship  
Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!  
**Congregation: The glory of God shines in the darkness.**  
Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!  
**Congregation: Take the journey that leads to the child.**  
Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!  
**Congregation: We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.**

*Hymn #457	<i>Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed</i>	REGENT SQUARE
*Invocation		Bobby Rayburn

## GATHER...TO WELCOME THE CHILDREN

*The children are invited forward for the children's sermon.*

Hymn #603	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	CHINA
	<b>Jesus loves me this I know! For the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.</b>	

Children's Sermon	Bobby Rayburn
Choral Praise	<i>Lord, Here Am I</i> John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission Ap-  
pointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready  
and willing, Lord, here am I." Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches  
and loss; willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead; Only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou  
callest, and this I reply," Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Living or dying, I still would be Thine,  
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again  
to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I, here am I."

## GATHER...TO OFFER OUR GIFTS WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer	Charlotte McGarr
Offertory	<i>Lord, Let Me Serve</i> Tom Fettke Caelyn Blackwell, soloist and Melvin Hale, organ

- \*Response Doxology #375  
*Give Thanks to God*  
**Give thanks to God, He is Creator, sing to the Lord, O sing a new song!  
He is our Lord and our Redeemer, sing to the Lord, O sing a new song!  
Worship the Lord and stand amazed; worship the Lord with endless praise.**  
EARTH AND ALL STARS

## GATHER...TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6	Dr. Ezell
	Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.	
	Leader: The word of God for the people of God.	
	<b>All: Thanks be to God!</b>	

Hymn of Reflection #455	<i>Here, at Your Table, Lord</i>	BREAD OF LIFE
	<b>Here, at Your table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel You near, in loving power, Calling our thoughts away from self and sin, As to Your banquet hall we enter in.</b>	

**Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray; touch with Your pierced hand each common day,  
making this earthly life full of Your grace, till, in the home of heaven, we find our place.**

Sermon	<i>Off by Nine Miles</i>	Dr. Ezell
The Celebration of Communion	The Bread The Cup	

## DEPART...TO SERVE

*Hymn of Response #460	<i>Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face</i>	ELLERS
*Announcements		Bobby Rayburn

- \*Unison Benediction  
**Let us go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism, even when we are led into wild and hard places. With repentance and trust, give ourselves to God, and with fasting and prayer, strengthen us against the ways of the tempter. May God enfold us in tender and lasting love. May Christ be beside us in times of struggle. And may the Spirit guide us back to the path whenever we stray, that we may keep the covenant. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**  
Dr. Rowe

*Postlude	<i>Go Forth in Faith</i> Melvin Hale, organ	Franklin Ritter
	<b>*The congregation is invited to stand.</b>	

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of his mother, Mary Young,  
by Ed and Linda Young.

# ministry opportunities

## Sunday, January 11

8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service, communion  
4:00 P Belles et Beaux Rehearsal  
5:00 P Youth

## Tuesday, January 13

9:30 A Yoga  
10:00 A Quilting  
5:30 P Trustee Meeting

## Wednesday, January 14

10:00 A *The Scribal Corruption of Scripture*  
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 15

10:00 A *God Said What?*

## Friday, January 9

9:30 A Yoga

## Sunday, January 18

8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
11:30 A Quarterly Business Meeting  
4:00 P Belles et Beaux Rehearsal  
5:00 P Youth

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### STAFF

Dr. Leonard Ezell, *Senior Pastor*  
Bobby Rayburn, *Associate Pastor of Young Families*  
Dr. Alissa Rowe, *Director of Music and Worship*  
Felicia Mullen, *Business Manager*  
Katie Gilley, *Administrative Assistant*  
Melvin Hale, *Organist*

**Affinity Groups...**Consider turning a hobby or interest into one of our **Affinity Group** options starting in **March**. Give us your idea and we will get the word out! Contact church office by **January 25** to submit your idea. Sign ups for your group happen in **February**.

**Southeast Ministries...**During the month of January, we will be collecting mac and cheese.

**LSU Basketball...**Join us at LSU vs Mississippi State, January 28, 6 PM. \$10 per ticket. Sign up in the office.

**Quarterly Business Meeting...**January 18. Lunch will be a youth fundraiser of Pastalaya. \$10 per plate. Sign up by **January 14th**. Year End report and 2026 committees and deacons

### New Bible Studies...

***"The Scribal Corruption of Scripture: Who Changed the Bible and Why?"*** A video lecture series addressing the changes and alterations of the biblical texts and what they mean now. Wednesdays 10-11AM in Common Grounds Café. Starting January 14

### ***"God Said What?!***

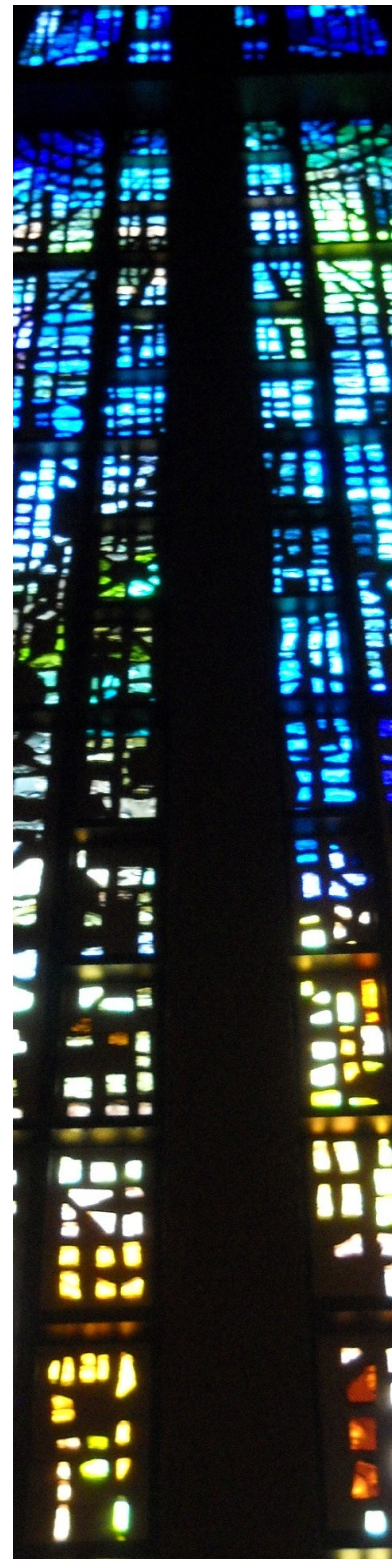
***Wrestling with Cruelty, Violence, and Vengeance in the Old Testament"***

An honest approach to negative images of God.  
Thursdays 10-11AM in Church Conference Room  
Starting January 15  
(Topics by Request)

**LLL Trip...**Thursday, January 22, 9 AM. **Konriko Company Store** and tour of rice mill built in 1912. Lunch at Cracker Barrel. \$4 per tour ticket. Sign up now!

**2026 Offering Envelopes...**If you need new offering envelopes for 2026, please contact the church office.

**Can you help?...**If you are willing and able to help us spread mulch on the playground please let us know!! Date to be announced.



*"Arise, shine, for your  
light has come, and the  
glory of the LORD has  
risen upon you."*

Isaiah 60:1

**January 11, 2026  
Communion**

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