

# CUTHBERT CONNECTIONS

***Building the Kingdom of God—Together!***

*Come experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ.*

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. Cuthbert! We are glad you are here to worship today. If this is your first time to join us, be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk to take home a fresh baked treat!

During the service, children ages four through second grade are invited to participate in **Children's Church** by following the Children's cross. They will return during the exchange of the peace. Children through age five are welcome in the nursery.

We welcome all baptized Christians to join in receiving **Communion**. Those not baptized are invited to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**Prayer Teams** are available during Communion and after the service for those who have specific prayer needs or desire anointing with oil and prayers for healing. You will find the Prayer Team in the room in the back corner of the Sanctuary on the choir side.

## TAKE NOTE:

***Please visit [stcuthbert.org](http://stcuthbert.org) for a complete calendar of events.***

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary by Sally and Russel Mahon.



Sunday Morning Services:  
8:00 & 10:30 Holy Communion & Children's Church  
9:10 Christian Formation for everyone  
Nursery available 7:50 - 12:30  
Morning Prayer: 8:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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**EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

**PSALM 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the LORD is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

**and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



We at St. Cuthbert will be intentional to: Captivate visitors with the love of Christ; Connect people to the love of Christ; experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ through Community ministry groups; and Commission leaders to build the kingdom of God—together!

### COOKIES & CAROLS NEEDS YOU!

Cookies and Carols will be held Saturday, December 9 at 4:00. We will sing Christmas carols and read the story of Jesus' birth. Then, let the cookie decorating begin! Help is needed to run this fun event. Visit our website or contact Gail Jackins to volunteer.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are filled with the presence of wonder, if only we remember to pause and open ourselves to receiving this gift. *Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* is a devotional to help remind each of us to take time to discover how the gifts of wonder might be born in us as we walk through Advent. You may pick up your free copy on the table in the front hallway.

### ECW LADIES LUNCHEON

The Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) annual Christmas luncheon will be held next Sunday, December 3, after the 10:30 service. All women are invited for lunch and frivolity. There will be a scripture exchange, so be on the lookout for a fun decor item with scripture on it, with a \$15 limit on the gift. Visit the table in the front hallway to RSVP or contact Monica Rivera at

### TRAVELING MARY & JOSEPH

During the month of December, there will be five Nativity Scenes that will travel around the homes of parish families for a week at a time. Families are invited to sign up for a week to have a Nativity Scene. Sign up, pick up, and return, Nativity Scenes from the table in the children's classroom corridor. The Scene must be returned the following Sunday because it will visit another family. Email a photo of your family with the Nativity Scene to Gail Jackins so the entire parish will see our reenactment of Mary & Joseph looking for lodging.

### BOUNCEBOUNCE

Next Sunday, December 3, all youth are invited to meet at BounceBounce, 7955 Barker Cypress, from 4:00-6:00. The price for bouncing is \$14 and the on-line waiver form must be completed. For questions or more information, contact Kim Houghton.

### OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Month	YTD
Need	\$71,551	\$790,130
Giving	\$55,033	\$674,305
Net	(\$15,518)	(\$34,825)



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