

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:

Sunday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at BounceBounce

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. Cookies and Carols

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Communion

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Children's Pageant

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Holy Communion

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Please visit stcuthbert.org for a complete calendar of events.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 36th wedding anniversary of Debra and Paul Rieke.



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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ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Everyone is welcome at Cookies and Carols this Saturday, December 9, at 4:00. We will sing Christmas carols and read the story of Jesus' birth. Then, let the cookie decorating begin. Be sure and invite a friend!

LORD OF THE STREETS

On Sunday, December 17, members of St. Cuthbert are invited to cook breakfast for and provide lunch bags to the Lord of the Streets community. We will leave the church at 5:15 a.m. Donations of the following are needed: cheese and crackers, fruit, Vienna sausages, juice boxes, and chips. Monetary donations are always appreciated. All items should be dropped off at the church no later than Wednesday, December 13. For more information, please contact Betty Reid at bettyreid2208@gmail.com.

MOVIE AFTERNOON

On Saturday, December 16, we will meet at the Cinemark 12 Cypress theater to see the 1:20 showing of *Ferdinand*. You may purchase tickets on-line or at the theater. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Gail Jackins for more information.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind is an Advent daily devotional for personal use. You may pick up your free copy on the table in the front hallway.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

As a Christmas service project, the Community of Hope is collecting items to replenish the residential cottages and kitchens of the Boys and Girls Country of Houston. The mission of Boys and Girls Country is to change the lives of children from families in crisis by loving and nurturing them in a Christian home environment. In the front hallway there is a Christmas tree with tags hanging on it. Each tag has an item or a gift card that is needed by one of the cottages. Please take a tag and purchase the item or gift card and leave it, with the tag, under the tree. There is no need to wrap the item. Monetary donations are always appreciated. The deadline is Sunday, December 17. Contact Diane Holmes at dianeholmes@att.net for questions or more information.

TRAVELING MARY & JOSEPH

During the month of December, there are five Nativity Scenes that are traveling 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. For questions or more information, contact Gail Jackins.



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