

# COMMUNION OFFERING

## **Bridges of Life**

The Child and Family Integral Development Centre (CEDIN) "Bridges of Life" is one of the programs that MISIUR offers in San Genaro. The purpose of the program is to offer sustenance so that children will grow in stature, in wisdom and in grace with God and humankind. We invite you to pray for: Ruddy.

## **Ruddy Makes Precise Questions**

Ruddy is in the sixth grade and is the smallest in her class. She is conscientious about her studies and with fulfilling her obligations in CEDIN. However, she does not miss being playful during recreational activities. During the workshops, she doesn't hesitate to make questions that get to the heart of the matter. She has a good memory and is reflective and analytical.

## **My name is Ruddy Pilar**

I am 11 years old, I'm in the sixth grade. I live in San Genaro II. My little house is made simply out of wood and a corrugated metal roof. I live there with my mom Lucía who is a homemaker. On Saturday and Sunday, she makes tamales to sell. My father Eulogio is a construction supervisor and a musician. He also plays the harp at folklore festivals. My older brother Jimmy (12) and my younger brother Jesús (5) also live in

our home. My family attends the Presbyterian Church in San Genaro. It was there that the pastor Roger Araujo told us about CEDIN. I enrolled in CEDIN in 2005, when I was seven and in the second grade. I have learned a lot in CEDIN, for instance how to be kind, honest, responsible, respectful, disciplined and collaborative. Above all, I have learned to love and serve God with all of my heart. What I like about CEDIN is that they help me strengthen my self-esteem and help me with my schoolwork. I also enjoy the workshops about logic and reading. In the summer, we learn about baking and jewelry making. Plus, they love us and care for us. I am grateful to CEDIN, to Miss Estella, Miss Nancy, Miss Jenny and my Pastor Roger, for the help that they offer and to Sister Raquel for the delicious food that she gives us each day after we pray.



We pray also for the boys and girls like Ruddy who are part of CEDIN and for each of their families as well as the staff of CEDIN who create a warm and friendly family environment.

## PARTICIPANTS

### **Communion Servers**

Guide—Barb Hale, Sherry & Doug Arrick, Judy & Melanie Anderson, Susan Marks, Vivian & Tom Hall, Ruth & Gailor Justice, Earl Hale

### **Ushers**

Joe Ramirez, Ken Sever, Erin Messersmith & Steve Stout

### **Advent Candle Lighters**

Mark & Sandra Smith

### **Greeters**

Ruth & Gailor Justice

### **Music**

Dr. John Cornelius, II.; Rich McKinney



Dr. Jim Davis  
Senior Pastor

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Minister of Music

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Parish Associate



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KINGWOOD

11 p.m.  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2009

# CHRISTMAS EVE 2009 · 11 PM

Prelude	<i>Sicilienne</i>	Maria Theresia von Paradis	Christmas Eve Communion
Call to Worship			The Prayer of Preparation (in unison) God of mystery and might, on this silent, holy night you reach out to touch us with your word and with your love. Two thousand years ago you sent your Son to us; draw us close to Him now in the mystery of your grace. Gather us around His table and allow your redeeming love to enter into us anew and afresh. May your presence fill us as we eat this bread and drink this cup until our hearts are full of the peace you offer us through Jesus Christ. Amen.
Lighting of the Christ Candle			The Words of Institution
*Christmas Carol–Hymn #90	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> (verses 1, 2, 5 & 6)	ADESTE FIDELIS	The Prayer of Consecration
Welcome			The Invitation
The Christmas Story through the Prophet’s Eyes	Isaiah 40: 1 - 11	Pew Bible p. 1077	The Serving of the Bread and the Cup <i>Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella</i> Hayes
*Christmas Carol Hymn #132	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	GO TELL IT	
The Christmas Story through the Disciple’s Eyes	Matthew 1: 18 - 24	Pew Bible p. 1436	*The Prayer of Thanksgiving God of light you have filled our hearts this Christmas eve with the radiance of your love. Now send us out to bear your light in a dark world. Live your life within us and share your love through us we pray. And to you O God, and to your Son our Savior, be glory and praise, this night and forevermore. Amen
Anthem	<i>He Came as a Babe from Heaven</i>	Humphreys	Lighting Our Candles from the Christ Candle <i>(During the next Christmas Carol the ushers will come to the Christ Candle, light their candles and take the light of Christ into the congregation. To receive the light please tip your unlit candle into the flame then keep your lit candle vertical and offer the light of Christ to the person seated next to you. Please be careful with you candle and put it out after the Benediction.)</i>
The Christmas Story through the Disciple’s Eyes	Mark 1: 1 - 8	Pew Bible p. 1488	
*Christmas Carol Hymn #94	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	IN DULCI JUBILO	*Christmas Carol–Hymn #89 <i>Silent Night</i> STILLE NACHT
The Christmas Message	<i>Making Room for God</i>	Pastor Edwards	*Benediction
The Christmas Offering (All offerings unless designated otherwise will go to our mission partners in Peru to provide food for children through “Love a Child” and clean drinking water through “Living Waters.”)			Postlude <i>O Tannenbaum</i> Old Folk Tune
Offertory	<i>Caroling, Caroling</i>	Alfred Burt	

\*Congregation members are to stand, if able.

