

The Lord's Day
December 10, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship~10:55 A.M.
Presiding Minister – The Reverend Mr. Bart Lester
Assisting Minister – The Reverend Mr. Billy Joseph

Thoughts upon entering the Sanctuary: *“A Christian should resemble a fruit tree with real fruit, not a Christmas tree with decorations tied on.”*
- John Stott

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude *“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”* G.F Handel

Call to Worship

*Hymn 195 *“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”* (v. 1-4) ANTIOCH

*The Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed Trinity Hymnal p. 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri Trinity Hymnal p. 735
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Reading of Scripture Matthew 4:1-17 (pew Bible p. 809)

The Hymn 213 *“What Child is This”* (v. 1-3) GREENSLEEVES

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Offertory *“Advent Grace”* arr. Lloyd Larson
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in. The dark night wakes, God's glory breaks, and Christmas comes again. O come, thou Son of David, come, Your blessed peace proclaim. O come, Thou bright and morning star, Your people now to save. O come, Desire of nations, come, as saints of old have sung. Your people watch, your people pray throughout all Christendom. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound the heav'nly music swells; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Sermon *“The Light in Darkness”*
Isaiah 9:1-7 (pew Bible p. 573)

*The Hymn: 225 *“Once in Royal David's City”* (v. 1-3) IRBY

Benediction

Postlude Advent Processional on *“Truro”* arr. Edward Good

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Join us TONIGHT for our annual service of Lessons and Carols, followed by a Congregational Christmas Fellowship.

Welcome to Eastwood

Our church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are asked to please sign the visitor's register in the pew pad and provide us the requested information so that we might welcome you. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day!

Life of the Church

Adult Fall Sunday School Quarter

“A Survey of Church History” (part 4 AD 1600-1800) taught by Milton Hodges/FH
“What Did You Expect” by Paul Tripp, taught by Bart Lester/Session Room
Survey of the Old Testament part 2, taught by Billy Joseph/Billy's Office

Sunday School for Children & Youth

4 & 5 yr. olds	Upstairs Main Hallway Room 5
1st-2nd grades	Upstairs Main Hallway Room 7
3rd-5th grades	Upstairs Main Hallway Room 8
Students 6th-8th	Jr. High Pod in Upstairs Main Hall
Students 9th-12th grade	Upstairs Main Hall Room 9

Eastwood Today

8:30 AM	ESL Class/Missions Room
9:15 AM	Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes
10:55 AM	Morning Worship Service
4:30 PM	NO Missions Prayer Time
6:00 PM	Lessons and Carols/Congregational Fellowship

Eastwood This Week

Dec 11-17	DOW:	Brian DeHuff	334-649-0248
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting	
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study in Missions Room	
	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study in Session Room	
	5:45 PM	Choir Practice	
Friday	5:00 PM	Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner	
	6:00 PM	Choi and Friends House Concert	

Church Wide Nursery Rotation

Today	AM	Gourley, Catching
Dec. 17	AM	Geiger, Grace
Dec. 24	AM	Graves, Henle
Dec. 31	AM	Hinson, Hinton
Jan. AM		Hodges, Hodges

Church Wide Usher Rotation

Today	AM	David Morrison, Charles Rhodes, Adam Rogers, Reggie Sorrells
Dec. 17	AM	Mike Vaughn, Robert Wieland, Paul Bartley, Joel Bius
Dec. 24	AM	Walter Catching, Lee Sumner, James Chancey
Dec. 31	AM	Brad Crewe, Tom DeLoach, Allen Gamble, Jeff Dunn
Jan. 07	AM	Wilmer Glasgow, Andrew Godwin, Kent Gourley, Aubrey Grace

PCA Mercy Ministry Aid to Hurricane Victims

Thank you Eastwood for your generous donations to the PCA Mercy Ministry Hurricane Relief Offering. As a church, we were able to send just over \$4,000.

**The church office will be closed
Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.**

Announcements

Congregational Christmas Fellowship

Tonight, after Lessons and Carols, plan to stay for our December USG Christmas “party” in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a heavy hors ‘d oeuvre plated and ready to share. Don’t miss this wonderful time of being blessed by beautiful music, eating together, and enjoying one another’s fellowship. (Due to the kitchen renovation...there are no serving pieces available for use and no running water for washing dishes)

Choi & Friends House Concert

Come enjoy an evening of music as Eastwood hosts the Choi & Friends House Concert on Friday, December 15th, beginning at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Friendship Mission Gift Donation

Some of our EPC ladies lead a weekly Bible study at the Friendship Women's shelter and will host a Christmas party for them December 13. Please consider donating a wrapped gift, which the ladies can use in playing a game at the party. Suggested price \$10-\$20. Gift ideas include linens, kitchen gadgets or small kitchen appliance, kitchen utensils, decorative pillows, small purse or wallet. Please no toiletries. Have your wrapped gift near the Mission's Office by December 12th labeled Friendship Women. Pray the women will know Jesus and pray for the children who are attending the Bible study; they are listening, participating and asking serious questions about the Bible and God the Father. Questions? Contact Bonnie Catching.

Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner

Please join us for our first ever Christmas Progressive Dinner Friday, December 15th from 5:00pm-8:15pm. Make sure to bring a \$5 Dirty Santa gift and your Merry Little Christmas attitude! Pick up time will be 8:15pm at Winn Dixie. **Please RSVP to Sonja at (334) 303-4257 by Wednesday, December 13th.**

Angel Tree

Don’t forget to turn your gifts into the church office no later than Wednesday, December 13th. The date of the pick-up party (where the caregivers pick-up the gifts) will be Sunday, December 17th, from 3:30-5:30pm. Even if you did not get an angel, we would love for you to join us at the pick-up party to fellowship with these families and help pass out gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Sonja Hinton at 334.303.4257 or cdt@eastwoodchurch.org.

Ladies Winter Bible Study

The women's winter Bible study will begin January 16 using *Let's Study Philippians* by Sinclair Ferguson. Lain Hodges will lead the 8-week study on Tuesday mornings at 10-12. Contact Lynn Grace if you need a nursery. Purchase the book on your own or by giving Nancy Trumbull \$11.50 by December 17. The evening study details will be announced later.

Winter Quarter Adult Sunday School begins January 7th

Classes offered will be: 1&2 Thessalonians, taught by Bart Lester, in the Fellowship Hall; Getting to the Heart of Parenting, taught by Jeff Dunn, in the Session Room; & Survey of the Old Testament, taught by Billy Joseph, in Billy's Office

Missions Trips/Summer of 2018

Eastwood church members will have two opportunities for short-term mission trips this summer. In June we are planning a trip to the Amazon. Eastwood has participated with the work there by helping start a church, build/fund a building, stock a library, build a playground, provide 4-6 trips, give communion trays, baptismal font, and rocking chairs. We have given money and support for the construction of the new sanctuary and pews. That church has started another church in Maranao, just down river. Then, in July, we are planning a return trip to Camp Hope in North Carolina. We have been here four years in a row and those who have participated tell how special this trip has been for them. Please let the missions committee know if you have interest in either of these trips.

Christmas Poinsettias may be purchased for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Please fill out the slip below and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Cost is \$8.50 per plant.

Your Name: _____ #Plants _____
Given in Honor/Memory of (Please circle one): _____

*Congregation standing (if able) Please refrain from all applause.
Please silence all electronic devices. Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary

