

The Lord's Day  
December 17, 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: *“He came poor upon earth for that He pities us; Make us rich in heaven . . . Who can extol the love aright, our Savior cherishes for us, yes, who is capable of comprehending, how man’s distress so moved Him? The Son of the All Highest comes into the world because its salvation pleases Him so, that He will Himself be born man.”*  
*J.S. Bach, Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248*

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude *“Christmas Prelude”* arr. Janet Linker  
Call to Worship

\*Hymn 208 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (v. 1-4) ADESTE FIDELES

\*The Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever, Amen.*

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle’s Creed Trinity Hymnal pg. 845

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell\*\*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The Doxology Trinity Hymnal p. 731  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Reading of Scripture Philippians 2:1-11 (pew Bible pp. 980-981)

The Hymn 207 *“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”* (v. 1-3) IN DULCI JUBILO

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Offertory *“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”* arr. Thomas Keesecker  
*Now the Heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin. Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within: Seed of promise, deeply planted, child to spring from Jesse’s stem! Like the soil beneath the frost line, hearts grow soft to welcome him. Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away. Diamond brilliance through the darkness shines the hope of coming day. Christ, the morning star of splendor gleams within a world grown dim. Heaven’s ember fans to fullness; welcome him. Christ, eternal sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom’s seed, come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt and need. In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view: Child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.*

Sermon *“The Humble Messiah”*  
Isaiah 11:1-10 (pew Bible pp. 575-576)

\*The Hymn: 230 *“Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Spendor”* (v. 1-3)  
QUELLE ESTCETTE

The Invitation to the Lord’s Supper  
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Benediction

Postlude *“We Three Kings”* Gordon Young

## The Lord’s Day Evening Worship

5:30 P.M.

Announcements & Welcome

Call To Worship

Hymn 218 *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* (v. 1-5) REGENT SQUARE

Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20 (pew Bible p. 857)

Matthew 2:1-12 (pew Bible pp. 807-808)

Missions Update

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn 214 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (v. 1-3) GLORIA

Sermon *“Shepherd King”* Rev. Billy Joseph

Ezekiel 34:11-24 (pew Bible p. 722)

Benediction

### 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 Missions Prayer Time  
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

### Eastwood This Week

Dec 18-24 DOW: Frank Dagostin 334-239-5194  
Tuesday NOON Church Office Closed from 12:00-2:00pm  
Wednesday 6:30 AM Men’s Bible Study in Missions Room  
7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study in Session Room

### Church Wide Nursery Rotation

Today AM Geiger, Graves  
Dec. 24 AM Grace, Henle  
Dec. 31 AM Hinson, Hinton  
Jan. 07 AM Hodges, Hodges  
Jan. 14 AM James, Joki

### Church Wide Usher Rotation

Today 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  
Jan. 14 AM Steven Hall, Don Henle, Jason Hinson, Milton Hodges

## Announcements

**Reminder: No Sunday school December 24th. No Sunday school or evening worship December 31st. Christmas Eve service December 24th at 5:00pm.**

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

**All 2017 contributions need to be in the church office no later than noon on  
Friday, December 29th.**

### 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.

### ESC Open House

Eastwood Christian School will have its open house Sunday, January 21st at 2:00pm in Eastwood’s Sanctuary. A nursery is provided (by reservation only) for children birth-5yrs. The deadline for nursery reservations is Wednesday, January 17th. Please share this with any families that you think might be looking for a school for their children. New student registration is January 22nd-February 2nd. Contact the church (334-272-3103) or school office (334-272-8195) with any questions.

### 2018 PCA Women’s Conference

PCA Women's Conferences in 2018: *one hope...one faith.one church* is the title for these conferences and Courtney Doctor is the featured speaker. Four cities will each host a conference and 2 are in the southeast. Jackson MS and Chattanooga are locations in April and October respectively. Registration begins January 1 and all the details can be found at the following website: [pcacdm.org/one-conferences](http://pcacdm.org/one-conferences) Scholarships are available; please contact Jerry if you have need. Please see Angie Stallings or Nancy Trumbull, if you have questions.

### 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.

### Rummage Sale for Missions

The Missions Committee is now collecting items for a rummage sale to help with the cost of the mission trips this summer. So, if you are doing some “new years” cleaning out, please consider donating items that you no longer need to this sale. These items should be in good condition and ready for the sale. You can leave your labeled donations in the POD, outside the Missions Office.

### Save the Date

The 2018 Missions Conference is set for March 1st-4th. Please make plans to attend this event. What a special time of fellowship with some of the missionaries that Eastwood supports! This year’s speaker will be Ken Temple, missionary to Iranian refugees and long time friend of Eastwood.

### 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

