

The Lord's Day  
December 3, 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: *“It would have been to no purpose that Christ was born in Bethlehem, if it had not been made known to the world. But the method of doing so, which is described by Luke, appears absurd to men. First, Christ is revealed but to a few witnesses, and that in the middle of the night. Again, although God had at his command, many honorable and distinguished witnesses, he passed by them, and chose shepherds, persons of humble rank, of no account to men. . . So, if we desire to come to Christ, we must not be ashamed to follow those whom God chose, from the sheep dung, to bring down the pride of the world.”*  
-John Calvin, A Harmony of the Gospels

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude *“Arioso”* J.S. Bach  
Violinist, Moah Son

Call to Worship  
\*Hymn 203 *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”* (v. 1-3) MENDELSSOHN

\*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: Shorter Catechism Q/A 88 & 89 Trinity Hymnal p. 876

**Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?**

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

**Q. 89. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?**

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

\*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 Matthew 1:18-25 (pew Bible p. 807)  
The Hymn 216 *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* (v. 1-2) W ZLOBIE LEZY  
The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Offertory *“Come, Thou Jesu”* arr. John Purifoy  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free. Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories know no end. By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art. Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart. Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King.

Sermon *“On Failed Leadership”*  
Isaiah 7:1-14 (pew Bible pp. 571-572)

\*The Hymn: 194 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (v. 1-5) VENI EMMANUEL

Benediction  
Postlude *“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”* Johann Walther

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

5:30 P.M.

Announcements & Welcome

Call To Worship  
Hymn 196 *“Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus”* (v. 1-4) HYFRYDOL

Opening Prayer  
Reading of the Ten Commandments  
Confession of Sin (Prayed Together)  
*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our many sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon  
Offering  
Hymn 441 *“Jesus Shall Reign”* (v. 1-5) DUKE STREET  
Sermon *“David's Royal Son”* Rev. Bart Lester  
Psalm 72:1-20 (pew Bible p. 485)

Hymn 252 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* (v. 1-4) HAMBURG  
The Invitation to the Lord's Supper  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Benediction

### 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

#### Eastwood This Week

Dec 4-10 DOW: Bill Goehring 334-462-5207  
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

#### Church Wide Nursery Rotation

Today AM Godwin (Carrie & Andrew), Goehring  
Dec. 10 AM Gourley, Catching  
Dec. 17 AM Geiger, Grace  
Dec. 24 AM Graves, Henle  
Dec. 31 AM Hinson, Hinton

#### Church Wide Usher Rotation

Today AM Ollie Lester, Allen Gamble, Landon Pritchett  
Dec. 10 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

## Announcements

### Lessons and Carols

Join us for The Sanctuary Choir's Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 10th beginning at **6:00 P.M.**

### USG December 10th

After Lessons and Carols, plan to stay for our December USG Christmas “party” in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a heavy hors 'd oeuvre to share. Don't miss this wonderful time of being blessed by beautiful music, eating together, and enjoying one another's fellowship.

### 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! Our Holly Jolly evening will begin as we meet in the Winn Dixie (Vaughn and Taylor Road) parking lot at 5:00pm and bundle into the Sedlak Happy Christmas Van! Then, laughing all the way, we will travel to our first stop, The Grace's Winter Wonderland of Appetizers. Our night of frivolity continues, as we do the Jingle Bell Rock over to The Canteys for a warm and delicious supper. Finally, we will do some Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree at the Hinton's where we'll play Dirty Santa, go caroling and roast some chestnuts (or make s'mores)! Pick up time will be 8:15pm at Winn Dixie. Please RSVP to Sonja at (334) 303-425

### Angel Tree

We are excited to once again join with Prison Fellowship to sponsor an Angel Tree. The Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship Ministries that focuses on partnering with churches to provide a way of ministering to families impacted by crime. **There are 6 angels that still need taking.** Gifts should be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 13th. The date of the pick-up party (where the parents pick-up the gifts) has changed to Sunday, December 17th, from 3:30-5:30pm. Even if you do 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #Plants \_\_\_\_\_  
Given in Honor/Memory of (Please circle one): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Congregation standing (if able) Please refrain from all applause.  
Please silence all electronic devices. Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary

## 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!

### Sermon Notes

"On Failed Leadership"

Isaiah 7:1-14

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Series of horizontal lines for notes.

## Upcoming Church Events

12/03/2017 The Lord's Supper PM/ 1st Day of Advent
12/10/2017 No PM Service
12/10/2017 Lessons & Carols followed by Christmas Fellowship
12/15/2017 Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner
12/15/2017 Choi and Friends House Concert
12/17/2017 The Lord's Supper AM
12/24/2017 No Sunday School
12/24/2017 Christmas Eve Service 5PM
12/25-26/2017 Church Office Closed
12/31/2017 No Sunday School/No PM Service

### Ministerial & Administrative Staff

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### Church Office Information

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### Eastwood Officers

#### The Session

Bart Lester, Moderator

Tim Cantey
Jeff Dunn
Jay Hinton

Tommy James
Billy Joseph
Forrest Marion
Allen McDaniel

Andy Perry
Lee Sumner, Clerk
Den Trumbull

#### The Diaconate

Bo Hodges, Chairman

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Jon Chancey
Frank Dagostin
Brian DeHuff

Bill Goehring
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Tim Owen
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### Faith Promise

2017 Commitment Received YTD Thru 11.26.2017
(April 1st 2017-March 31st 2018)
\$120,383 \$71,891

### Budget Report

YTD Revenue Thru 10.31.2017 YTD Expenses Thru 10.31.17
\$567,135 \$559,815

# Eastwood Presbyterian Church



We exist to glorify God
By proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
Promoting biblical worship,
And presenting every man mature in Christ...
Colossians 1:28

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