

The Lord's Day
December 9, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship~10:55 A.M.
Presiding Minister – The Reverend Mr. Bart Lester
Assisting Minister –The Reverend Mr. Billy Joseph
Deacon of the Week –Brian DeHuff

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 choose 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

The Prelude *“Enough”* arr. Minho Yoon

Call to Worship

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

The Invocation

*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 Public Reading of Scripture: Psalm 72 (pew Bible p. 485)

*The Hymn 225 *“Once in Royal David's City”* (v. 1-4) IRBY

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Offertory *“This Is My Father's World”* arr. Sado Kim
Guest Musicians: “Levi Ensemble”
Jihoon Kim (1st Violin), Moah Son (2nd Violin),
Sunji Hwang (Cello), and Samgmi Lee (Piano)

Sermon “The King & His Worshipers”
Matthew 2:1-12 (pew Bible pp. 807-808)
Advent Sermons

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

*Benediction

Postlude *“Joy to the World”* Don Hustad

*Congregation standing (if able) Please refrain from all applause.
Please silence all electronic devices. Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary
**For the explanation of “He descended into hell” see Larger Catechism Q/A 5o

The Lord's Day Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Join us this evening for our Annual Lessons and Carols. This year the Sanctuary Choir will be singing selections from the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*.

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

Fall Adult Sunday School Quarter

The Heidelberg Catechism: Teacher Terry Fox, FHA
“A Survey of Church History” (part 5): Teacher Milton Hodges, FHB
Young(ish) Marrieds: Teacher Susan & Jeff Dunn, Session Room

Sunday School for Children & Youth

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

Eastwood Today

9:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
10:55 AM Morning Worship Service
4:30 PM Choir Practice
4:30 PM NO Missions Prayer Time
6:00 PM Lessons and Carols Service

Eastwood This Week

Dec 10-16 DOW: Don Henle 334-657--1867
Tuesday 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Wednesday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Session Room
5:15 PM Choir Practice
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship
Friday 2:00 PM Art Class/Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner

Church Wide Nursery Rotation

Today AM Parker, Perry
Dec 16 AM Perry (Kate), Perry (Virginia)
Dec 23 AM Pritchett, Puckett
Dec 30 AM Rhodes (Suzie/Margaret), Sumner

Church Wide Usher Rotation

Today AM Lee Sumner, Den Trumbull, Bob Wieland, Paul Bartley
Dec 16 AM Joel Bius, James Chancey, Brad Crewe,
Dec 23 AM Mac Cutchins, Tom DeLoach, Allen Gamble, Wilmer Glasgow
Dec 30 AM Andrew Godwin, Kent Gourley, Aubrey Grace, Steven Hall

Announcements

Reminder: No Sunday school or evening worship Sunday, December 23rd & 30th. The Christmas Eve service is December 24th at 5:00pm.

The church office will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th.

Lessons and Carols TONIGHT

Our annual Lessons and Carols, sung by the Sanctuary Choir, is tonight, at 6:00pm. After Lessons and Carols, plan to stay for our December USG Christmas “party” in the Fellowship Hall. This catered fellowship is being hosted this year by the WIC. Don't miss this wonderful time of being blessed by beautiful music, eating together, and enjoying one another's fellowship.

Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served Sunday, December 16th, during the evening worship service. All those who have received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord and are members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to partake in this means of grace.

Angel Tree Lunch

We are excited to announce that ALL of the Angels are gone! YAY! We have scheduled a lunch on Sunday, December 16th, at 12:15pm for the 14 Angel Tree families (includes 30 children). This is when we will pass gifts out to these families. If you pick a child to purchase a gift for, we encourage you to also plan on attending the lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Fox at 586-770-4771 or Lynn Grace @ lynngrace@eastwoodchurch.org.

Youth News

We look forward to seeing your youth **every** Wednesday for fellowship from 6-8pm. Sunday night fellowships have been scheduled as well, see below for more details:
Dec. 09 Lessons and Carols w/Congregational Fellowship
Dec. 14 Youth Progressive Dinner
Dec. 16 Youth Fellowship at the Goehring's (7551 Lakeridge Dr., Montgomery)
Dec. 23 No Youth Fellowship

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Christmas Progressive Dinner Friday, December 14th from 5:15pm-9:00pm. Our Holly Jolly evening will begin as we meet in the church parking lot at 5:15pm. We will depart **no later than 5:30** and then, laughing all the way, we will travel to our first stop, The James' Winter Wonderland of Appetizers. Our night of frivolity continues, as we do the Jingle Bell Rock over to The Morrison's for a warm and delicious supper. Finally, we will do some Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree at the Lester's where we'll play Dirty Santa and have dessert. Pick up time will be 9:00pm at the Lester's. Here are a few things needed if your child attends: **1.** \$5 Dirty Santa Gift **2.** RSVP to Wright ASAP (wrightdraper@eastwoodchurch.org or 334-452-9904) **3.** Two parents that can help provide a side dish for the main meal AND two parents that can help transport children from house to house.

Adult Winter Sunday School Quarter (Jan 6-Mar 31)

Young Marrieds: TBA
The Heidelberg Catechism, taught by Terry Fox/FHA
“A Survey of Church History” (part 6 AD 1900-2000) taught by Milton Hodges/FHB

Save the Date

Save the date for the 2019 Missions Conference. Dates of the conference are Thursday, February 28th-Sunday, March 3rd.

Old McDaniel/James USG Fellowship

The old McDaniel/James USG will meet for their annual Christmas fellowship on December 20th at 6:00pm @ the James' house. Please bring a covered dish and a dirty Santa gift.

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): _____

