

The Lord's Day
December 15, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.
Presiding Minister – The Reverend Mr. Bart Lester
Assisting Minister –The Reverend Mr. Ross Hodges
Deacon of the Week – Jon Chancey

Thoughts on the sight of Jesus as an infant at the Temple: *“If the sight of Christ while still an infant, had so powerful an effect on Simeon that he could approach death cheerfully and quietly, how much more ground there is for our quietness and peace today, when we may see all parts of our salvation complete in Christ?”* A Harmony of the Gospels, John Calvin

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “*Christmas Medley*” arr. James Galway
Justin Harden, flautist Walker Lee Hinton, percussionist

Call to Worship

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

*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 Public Reading of Scripture: Matthew 26:47-56 (pew Bible p. 833)

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Psalter p. 55 Psalm 68 (v. 1-8) WEYMOUTH CMD

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*” arr. Mary Jean Simpson

Sermon “A Prayer for Solomon”
Psalm 72 (pew Bible p. 485)
Christmas Sermons

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

*Benediction

Postlude “*Joy to the World*” Don Hustad

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

5:30 P.M.

Announcements & Welcome

Call To Worship

Hymn 217 “*All My Heart This Night Rejoices*” (v. 1,2,4,5)
WARUM SOLLT' ICH MICH DENN GRAMEN

Invocation

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:10-18 (pew Bible p. 1002)

Missions Moment

Congregational Prayer

Hymn 193 “*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*” (v. 1-4) PICARDY

Sermon “Incarnation: Simply Put” Rev. Billy Joseph
John 1:14-15 (pew Bible p. 886)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Fall Adult Sunday School October 6-December 15

“Worship”/led by various teachers/will need today in the Sanctuary

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

8:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Sunday School Classes
10:30 AM Morning Worship Service
4:30 PM Missions Prayer Time
5:30 PM Evening Worship

Eastwood This Week

Dec 16-22 DOW: Frank Dagostin 334239-5194
Tuesday 9:00 AM No Staff Meeting
Wednesday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Session Room/1 Thess.
5:30 PM NO Choir Practice until January 8th
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship
Friday 2:00 PM Free Art Class/FH

Church Wide Nursery Rotation/Please be in the nursery no later than 8:50am

Today AM Godwin, Stallings, Goehring, Bartley
Dec 22 AM Gamble (Samantha), Hodges (Milton), Matulia
Dec 29 AM Grace, Graves, Joki
Jan 05 AM Harrington, Henle, Joseph

Church Wide Usher Rotation

Today AM Wilmer Glasgow, Andrew Godwin, Aubrey Grace, Nolin Geiger
Dec 22 AM Steven Hall, James Hodges, Milton Hodges
Dec 29 AM Andrew Jones, Jerry Knotts
Jan 05 AM Terry Lee, Thomas Lester, Doug Link, John Matulia

Announcements

Reminder: No Sunday school or evening worship Sunday, December 22nd & 29th. The Christmas Eve service is December 24th at 5:00pm.

Angel Tree Luncheon Today

Angel Tree Families will be arriving today, at 12pm for lunch. If you are participating in this lunch, please make your way to the Fellowship Hall to help greet the families. Be sure to locate your Angel's family/last name on table markers on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to sit with your family during lunch. If possible, consider staying to help clean with cleanup.

Officer Nominations and Election

There are nomination forms and schedules for the Officer Training and Election in the narthex and also on the table across from the Session Room. If you have a nomination, please be sure to give your completed form to Lee Sumner no later than tonight, following the evening worship service.

Gingerbread House Competition

Join us for a fun afternoon as we decorate gingerbread houses. Bring an ALREADY assembled gingerbread house (village, train, etc.), a large bag of icing to decorate your house and two toppings to share for decorating. Bring a cardboard base or a cookie sheet to decorate your house on and then it will be easier to transport home. The houses will be judged for small prizes and titles! Small children will need the help of at least one parent. All ages are welcome but there is no childcare for this event. **Please RSVP with a count, no later than December 18th, so we can make arrangements for tables and chairs. If you have a plastic re-useable tablecloth that can be used, please bring it the church by Wednesday, December 18.**

East Montgomery Bible Study

The East Montgomery Bible study meets Wednesdays, from 7-8am, at the Fried Tomato Buffet Restaurant (6561 Atlanta Highway, near Wal-Mart and Starbucks). This study is being taught by “retired” pastor Doug Hudson on the book, the Gospel of John, in the New Testament. Everyone is invited to attend. Please invite your neighbors, friends and family. Questions? Call or text Milton Hodges (334-391-4928).

Youth News

We look forward to seeing your youth every Wednesday for fellowship from 6-8pm. The youth are now working through *Crucial Questions* series by R.C. Sproul. Here is the Sunday night fellowships schedule:

December 15 Youth Fellowship @ the DeHuff's (3516 Harding Close, Montgomery)
December 22 No Youth Fellowship
December 29 No Youth Fellowship

Revival Prayer Weekend

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Revival Prayer Weekend with guest speaker Al Baker. Al Baker is currently serving with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. This ministry “seeks to promote a revival culture in churches by leading revival prayer weekends and preaching Bible conferences on revival and evangelistic themes.” Al will be with us Friday, January 10th-Sunday, September 12th. This prayer weekend is one of two events leading up to a four-day meeting in April. Details about this weekend's schedule will be sent out next week. Look for an email.

Save the Date

Our Annual Missions Conference will be February 20th-23rd. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. Volunteer sign up sheets will be going out in January. Help is usually needed in the areas of nursery, children's program, hosting missionaries in your home, and helping to prepare and/or serve meals.

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
**For the explanation of “He descended into hell” see Larger Catechism Q/A 50

