

The Lord's Day
May 31, 2020

Sunday Morning Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.
Presiding Minister – The Reverend Mr. Bart Lester
Assisting Minister –The Reverend Mr. Ross Hodges

Thoughts upon entering the Sanctuary: *“If there is one thing that refreshes my soul above all others, it is that I shall behold the Redeemer gloriously triumphant at the winding up of all things.”*
Henry Martyn (Pioneer Missionary to Northern India)

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *“What Wondrous Love is This”* Robert D Vandall
Virginia Perry and Hannah Chancey

Call to Worship

*The Hymn 38 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (v. 1-3) JOANNA
1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light in accessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. 2. Unresting, unshaking and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. 3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*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

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

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: Revelation 15:1-8

*The Psalter Psalm 37 (v. 1-9) FOREST GREEN
1. Have no disturbing thoughts about those doing wickedly, and be not envious of those who work iniquity. 2. For even like the growing grass soon be cut down shall they; and like the green and tender plant they all shall fade away. 3. Set thou thy trust upon the Lord; continue doing good. Dwell thou securely in the land; make faithfulness thy food. 4. Joy in the Lord; He'll grant each gift for which thy heart may call. 5. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust Him; He'll do it all. 6. And like the morning light He shall thy righteousness display; and He thy judgment shall bring forth like noontide of the day. 7. Rest in the Lord; wait patiently; fret not for anyone who prospers in his wicked way, completing schemes begun. 8. Cease being thou by anger stirred; make thou of wrath an end. Fret not thyself, for fretting will to evildoing tend. 9. For evildoers soon shall be cut off, no more to stand; but those who wait upon the Lord inherit shall the land.

Special Music

“Be Still My Soul”
Ariana Im, Laura Parker, Andy Perry, and Seongho Choi

The Sermon

“Holiness & Hope”
II Peter 3:11-13
Sermon XIII

*The Hymn 358

“For All The Saints” (v. 1-6) SINE NOMINE

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia! 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia! 3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia! 4. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, Alleluia! 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia! 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Benediction

Postlude *“And Can it Be”* Joshua Evanovich

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!

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

5:30 P.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

1. 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. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart. 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth: “Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.” 3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all. 4. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Invocation

The Public Reading of Scripture: Luke 1:26-38; 2:52

Missions Moment

Congregational Prayer

*The Hymn 88 *“With Grateful Hear My Thanks I Bring”* (v. 1-4) ST. PETERSBURG

1. With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the great thy praise I sing; I worship in thy holy place and praise thee for thy truth and grace; for truth and grace together shine in thy most holy word divine. 2. I cried to thee and thou didst save, thy word of grace new courage gave; the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord, for they heave heard thy wondrous word; yea, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glorious are thy ways. 3. O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, thou reignest in the heav'nly height; the proud in vain thy favor seek, but thou hast mercy for the meek; through trouble though my pathway be, thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

4. Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm; the work thou hast for me begun shall by thy grace be fully done; forever mercy dwells with thee; O Lord, my Maker, think on me.

The Sermon “Christmas Grace, B.C.” Rev. Billy Joseph
Judges 13:1-25

*Benediction

Announcements

There are guidelines, which have been established by the Alabama Department of Public Health for worship services. We will attempt to comply with those and ask your help as we adjust to the changes. Those guidelines as well as practical steps Eastwood is taking are listed below.

1 - We encourage those 65 and older and others especially at risk to watch the services remotely. We will continue to live stream services over our YouTube Channel. Please note, this is not a mandate.

2 - The deacons will be serving as ushers, so please follow their directions regarding seating. We cannot group up. 6 foot spacing must be maintained between families and individuals. We have a specific seating arrangement in place, so again please follow the instructions of the deacons.

3 - If you or your children are feeling ill or are sick please do not attend the worship services.

4 - Bulletins will be available on tables as you enter the narthex.

5 - Please do not use hymnals, psalters or pew bibles, all songs are printed in the bulletins.

6 - If you wish to wear a mask during services, please do so.

7 - Parents, please keep your children with you at all times. They should not be circulating in the sanctuary.

8 - Offerings will be collected in baskets at the end of the service, again on tables in the narthex.

9 - Fellowship after services should be outside the sanctuary. Please do not congregate inside the sanctuary after services end.

Please understand these guidelines are necessary to make our return to in-person worship services as comfortable and safe as possible, while complying with state health department protocols. Thank you for your cooperation.

Eastwood Announces New Headmaster

Congratulations to Eastwood member Joel Bius on being selected as Eastwood Christian School's next Headmaster. Along with his many academic achievements, (master degrees from Air University & American Military University, Ph.D. in History from University of Southern Mississippi, and published author) Joel has nine years of teaching experience and education administration as Associate Dean at the Air Command & Staff College on Maxwell Air Force Base.

Summer Pastoral Intern

Eastwood is glad to have joining us Oliver (Oli) Simmons, as a summer pastoral intern. Oli hails from the UK and is a student at Westminster Seminary. Oli will join us for his first Sunday here at Eastwood on June 7th. While here his duties will include: weekly college Bible study, preaching on select occasions, assist in worship services, and shadow the pastoral staff and their daily tasks.

-Eastwood Anniversary Picnic is tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, June 14th, at 5:00pm. Please join us in the back parking lot (weather permitting) as Eastwood will celebrate her 43rd anniversary. There will be a dinner of Jim 'N Nick's BBQ meat, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and dessert. Please feel free to bring your own tailgate chair. In the event of rain, the alternate location for this event will be the Fellowship Hall.

Youth News

-Tentatively scheduled is a youth summer kickoff party at the Trumbull's lake house on Friday, June 24th. If your youth needs a ride, please contact Wright and let him know. We will meet at the church at 9:00am and leave no later than 9:15am and then return around 4-4:45pm.

-Wednesday night youth fellowships have resumed. These youth fellowships will be from 5-8, downstairs in the youth room.

-Graduation Sunday (acknowledgement of our high school seniors) will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 14th.

*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

