

The Lord's Day
January 17, 2021

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

Thoughts on the Church: “Democracy has much to commend it. Decentralization of power, accountability to the people, and a system of checks and balances can limit totalitarian abuses of power by one or a few leaders. Nevertheless, the church is not a democracy. The New Testament proclaims Jesus not as president, prime minister, coordinator, or facilitator, but as Messiah – anointed King. He is the head of the church, the Lord of the church, the lawgiver of the church. His wish is our command.”
Dennis Johnson, *The Message of Acts*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “*Bread of Heaven*” Rhonda Sandberg

Call to Worship

*The Hymn 119 “*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*” (v. 1-3) FOREST

*The Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: Genesis 20:1-18

*The Psalter p. 56 Psalm 56 (v. 1-13) WINCHESTER NEW

Special Music “*O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild*”
Trinity Hymnal #232

The Sermon “God's Methods & the World's Wisdom”
I Corinthians 1:18-25

*The Hymn 353 “*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*” (v. 1-6) ST. THOMAS

*Benediction

Postlude “*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*” Arr. Matt Limbaugh

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

January 17, 2021
5:30 P.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*The Hymn 30 “*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*” (v. 1-7) ST. ANNE CM
1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure. 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same. 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. 5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years. 6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. 7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

*The Invocation

The Public Reading of Scripture: Psalm 22

Missions Moment Rev. Stephen Spanjer

Congregational Prayer

The Sermon “Turnings” Rev. Billy Joseph
Ruth 1:6-18

The Invitation to the Table

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Benediction

Announcements

Adult Sunday School

We will continue to have our Missionary Sunday school class on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am. This class meets in FHB. Currently no childcare is provided. Please see the weekly email reminders for the schedule of speakers.

Psalm/Hymn of the Month:

In order to aid our congregation, and our covenant children in particular, in becoming more familiar and comfortable with the theologically rich and biblically faithful psalms and hymns that we sing, we are beginning the practice of having a psalm or hymn of the month. Each month we will highlight a psalm or hymn that we will sing several times, and we will provide handouts for you to take home and links to the music through the weekly emails. We encourage everyone to use the month to sing through the psalm or hymn regularly, meditating on the truths of Scripture that the song expresses. We also encourage families to make use of these songs in their family worship, using the month as a time when their children can memorize many of the verses through repetition. May 2021 be a year when we begin to hide God's Word in our heart through song!

WIC Winter Bible Study

The Women's Winter Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 10am, in the Fellowship Hall. The women are currently working through the book *Esther The Hidden Hand Of God*, by Lydia Brownback. Susan Dunn & Lain Hodges are co-leading this study. The book can be ordered through Amazon. Childcare is being offered for this study, if you plan to attend this study and will need childcare; please contact Lynn Grace at lynngrace@eastwoodchurch.org.

Baby Shower

The WIC committee welcomes all ladies to a drop-in/drive-by baby shower on Sunday, February 7 to celebrate Faith and Jake Matulia's new baby boy. After the morning service, please come to the lower school foyer (downstairs), grab a goody bag, and drop off your gift. Let's congratulate Faith and Jake on their son Jack Calvin who will be joining our church family this March! The Matulias are registered at <https://www.babylist.com/baby-faith-jake-matulia>.

Reformation Book Club: A Theology of Remembrance

You are invited to a monthly book review of a Protestant Reformer. Our desire is to examine their life in regards to their Christian faith and courage. We meet on the second Thursday of each month from 7-8:15pm, at Doug and Gertie Hudson's home (8921 Green Chase Drive, Montgomery). If you plan to attend or have questions contact Doug by phone (334.593.4599) or email (doug.gertie@yahoo.com). The book for February is: *The John the Baptist of the Reformation: A Memoir of John Huss, the Bohemian Reformer and Martyr*.

Save the Date/2021 Missions Conference

The dates for our Annual Missions Conference have been set! Please make sure to mark February 25th-28th on your calendar. You don't want to miss this wonderful event in the life of our church.

COVID Precautions Reminder

With the recent rise in COVID-19 infections in our community, we want to remind you of a few precautions we have suggested during the worship services. Distancing: Sit only in the pews marked with blue tape and sit toward the aisle. By staggering the row seating, we can safely distance. Masks: A face covering is most effective when worn while entering and leaving the church service and when talking and singing. Illness: If you are feeling ill or have a fever on a Sunday morning, please stay home for the safety of your fellow church members and enjoy the service online.

