

CHRISTMAS EVE

“She will bear a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

JOY TO THE WORLD

WELCOME

Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

*PRAISE CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
“Here I Am To Worship”

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE Andrew, Terri, Bennet, and Kennedy Peters

Reader: We made room for God this season by making room for hope.

People: Hope lights the way. *(light the hope candle)*

Reader: We made room for God this season by making room for peace.

People: Peace guides us to trust God and listen in the silence. *(light the peace candle)*

Reader: We made room for God this season by making room for love.

People: Love welcomes all to celebrate in unity. *(light the love candle)*

Reader: We made room for God this season by making room for joy.

People: Joy that God came down to earth as a child. *(light the joy candle)*

Reader: God is with us.

People: We welcome God into our hearts and lives. Thank you God for sending Jesus to live among us. *(light the Christ candle)*

Reader: Let us pray.

Christmas Prayer:

Emmanuel, God-with-us, we gather on this holy night—to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever. Amen!

THE LORD HAS COME

*CAROL

What Child is This?

LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

PAGEANT CAROLS

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1)

“Away in a Manger (vs 1)

“The First Nowell” (vs 1)

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Kristy Ray

(Following the Message, the children can return to their seats with their family.)

*CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(The Christmas Eve offering will be divided between the CITA and HISPlace ministries.)

OFFERTORY

“Adore”

Rachel Ellsworth, soloist

AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

LIGHTING of CANDLES

During the singing of “Silent Night”, Dr. Rogers-Martin will light his candle from the Christ Candle. The lighted candle will be passed to those seated on the aisle, and then passed down each pew.

To light your candle, tip the unlighted candle into the flame of the lighted candle. Once the candles are lit, please hold it upright. On the last verse, please stand and hold your candle aloft.

At the close of the service, please place your candles in the baskets at the back of the Sanctuary.

CAROL #60:

STILLE NACHT

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*UNISON CHRISTMAS PRAYER: When the song of angels is silent, and the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes go home, and the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to feed the hungry, to free the captive, to rebuild the nations, to make peace among all people, to sing for joy to the Lord God. Gracious One, deliver us from fear, and may Your will be ours. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #40 (Verse 2) ANTIOCH
“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

Thank you to those who provided the beautiful music tonight. Special thanks to the praise band: Trevor Garvey, Rachel Ellworth, Don Boulrier, Robert McBride, and Anthony Mobley for sharing their gifts each week and tonight.

PAGEANT CAST

Mia Rozengota, James Mobley, Kennedy Peters
Brigit Ellsworth, Lily Schook and Evy Van Driel
Ben Doolan, Tim Doolan, Joseph Ellsworth, Henry Shook
Ryan Cofer, Ben Doolan, Henry Shook, Bennet Peters, and some of our preschool families

Julie Rogers-Martin, Director
Anne Adams and Morgan Barney, Music Leaders

WELCOME

Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at Eastminster! Tonight is a festive time of celebration as we praise God for giving us the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Eastminster is a church committed to exalting God, serving others, growing in faith, and delighting in fellowship. For those visiting tonight, welcome. Relax. Feel free to sing with your heart as well as your voice. Let your light shine... here tonight and as you go back in the world. Check us out at www.epcfl.org, follow us on Facebook at Eastminster Presbyterian, and participate in any of the opportunities that interest you.

Eastminster is a church that has a network of pastoral care. If there are issues you want to discuss with a pastor or trained lay leader, email me at timnapc@gmail.com or call the church office at (321) 723-8371. I look forward to hearing from you and perhaps sharing a cup of coffee together.

Again, welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at Eastminster!

Jim



The Staff & Elders are thankful for this church and wish all of you a blessed Christmas.

MISSION OFFERING—Our offering tonight goes to **CITA** (Christ is the Answer) in Melbourne that provide extended relief to homeless men meeting their immediate needs of food and shelter while offering the opportunity to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. **His Place Ministries & Center for Community Outreach** in Melbourne provides services to the homeless in the community by being a cold night shelter, providing blankets and socks and offers hope and healing.

YEAR END GIVING—Eastminster is very close to being "in the black" this year due to the generosity of members and friends. Your 2017 gifts are greatly appreciated. The church office will be open to receive gifts until 4:00 pm on December 29th or you may place in the offering plate on December 31st. Contact Michelle Toms at mtoms@epcfl.org for end of the year information such as giving by stock transfer.

BOOK CLUB—Tuesday, January 2nd promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. The book selection for January is *Miss Julia Speaks her Mind* by Ann Ross. Please contact Joan Falconer for more information at 722-3130.

COMMITTEE NIGHT—January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall —committee chairs meet at 6:30 in the Meeting Room. If you are not on a committee yet, come and visit each one to see if you would like to join one of them. It's a great way to meet the other members of the church and participate in planning for the New Year.

ADULT EDUCATION—Adult education classes will resume at 8:45 am on Sunday January 7th on the 2nd floor of the Christian Ministry Center and at 12:00 pm on Wednesdays in the church Library.

MOM'S GROUP—The mom's group will resume on January 8th at 5:00 pm. We start on the playground (weather permitting) and a dinner and childcare is provided.

T3-TABLE TALK THEOLOGY—January 8th If you would like to be part of a weekly group that will enjoy conversation at Bennigan's in Melbourne from 7:30-8:30 pm. We will spend the hour in conversation about topics and how faith and life intersect with those topics. If you know some people that may want to talk theology (about God) and aren't ready to come to church this is the perfect venue.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOHN—January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST—January 13th at 8:00 am for breakfast, and special speaker Mr. Mark Brimer, Ph D., speaking about Communities for a Lifetime.

First Impressions Class—January 14th at 8:45 Pastor Kristy, staff, and key leaders will be hosting a First Impressions gathering as an orientation or refresher on Eastminster's Ministry and Mission. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Kristy with any questions or to confirm attendance at 321-723-8371.



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“God is With Us”

Luke 2:1-20

“Eastminster joyously ministers as a vital, growing congregation of passionate followers of Jesus extending our reach as a missional church to transform our greater community.”

FAMILY SERVICE

December 24, 2017
5:00 p.m.