

## CHRISTMAS EVE

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

### GATHERING MUSIC

"Medley of Christmas Carols"  
Angie Bemiss, Harp

### O COME LET US ADORE HIM

\*HYMN OF ADORATION # 41 FIDELES  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
Verses 1 & 3  
Sarah Kelliher, Violin 8:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Susan Vallette and Dick Dunn 8:00 pm  
The Kelly Dunn Family 11:00 pm

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 together saying...

**People:**

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!

\*CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN FIDELES  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!.

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON- ISAIAH 9:2-7 Rev. Ron Hipwell

Carol #48 ES IST EIN' ROS'  
"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"  
Verses 1&2

SCRIPTURE LESSON LUKE 2:1-7 Rev. Ron Hipwell  
\*CAROL #31 MENDELSSOHN  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
Verses 1& 2

### THE ANGELS APPEARED TO THE SHEPHERDS

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20 Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

\*CAROL #44 CAROL  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
Verses 1&2

### PRESENTATION of TITHES and OFFERINGS

The Christmas Eve offering will be divided between His Place Ministries and Christ is the Answer (CITA) Missions.

OFFERTORY "Angels Lullaby" Raney  
Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor accompanist

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

**"SHINE!"**

MINISTRY of MUSIC Darica Dawson  
"Christmas Time is Here"

\*CAROL #56 THE FIRST NOWELL  
"The First Nowell"  
Vs. 1&6

### COME DWELL WITH US

CHORAL ANTHEM 8:00 pm  
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"  
Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor accompanist

HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 pm  
*The Invitation to the Table*  
*Prayer of Consecration*  
*Words of Institution*  
*Communion*

COMMUNION MUSIC  
Angie Bemiss and Anne Adams  
"Christmas Medley"

Jeana Liebzzeit  
"What We All Want for Christmas is Peace"

### COMMUNION PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who 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, forever. Amen.

### THE WORD BECOMES FLESH

SCRIPTURE Selections from John 1

### LIGHTING of the 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.

\*CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Rogers-Martin  
When the song of the angels is stilled, 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 unbind the captive, to rebuild the nations, to make peace from fear, and may Your will be ours. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #40 ANTIOCH  
"Joy to the World"  
Verses 1&2

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Arr. By Lani Smith  
"Good Christians All Rejoice"  
Robert McBride, Organ; Teresa Fleenor, Piano

\*Please stand as you are able.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** from all the Staff and Session members.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> or you may place in the offering plate on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Michelle Toms at [mtoms@epcfl.org](mailto:mtoms@epcfl.org) for end of the year information such as giving by stock transfer.

**BOOK CLUB**—Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm. Childcare is provided.

**T3-TABLE TALK THEOLOGY**—January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**First Impressions Class**—January 14<sup>th</sup> 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



### *“SHINE!”* John 1

*“Led by the Holy Spirit, Eastminster exists to Invite into Fellowship, Equip for Service, Reach Out in Support, and Serve our World for Jesus Christ.”*

### CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

*December 24, 2017*  
8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin, Pastor

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