

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*“This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate.” Luke 11:24*

#### GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

#### PRELUDE

“Good King Wincelas” and “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”  
Genesis Ringers  
“Ding Dong! Merrily on High” and “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”  
Alleluia Bells

#### CHIMING of the HOUR

#### CHORAL INTROIT

#### CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

“Creator of the Stars at Night”  
Verse 3

#### \*HYMN of PRAISE #22

#### REGENT SQUARE

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

#### LIGHTING of ADVENT CANDLE

Bonnie Griffith & Melissa Ketterman

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

**Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Reader: Let us light the candle of love and give space for God to work in and through our lives.

*(Lighting of the Advent Candle)*

**Congregational Prayer:** Almighty and merciful God, we are in need of Your everlasting love. You sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. Help us to open our arms in love to all those we meet. Guide our words and our actions to be that of true Christian love. As we continue this season of Advent welcoming the Christ child once more, help us to be still and know You are the God of our whole lives. For it is through God all who are lost are found, forgiven, and freed to make room for the holy presence of the Spirit at work today and always. Amen.

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#### EMMANUEL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

#### PRESENTATION of TITHES & OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

Schram

“Advent Peace Canon”

Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor, Piano, Anne Adams, Flute

#### \*DOXOLOGY #592

#### TALLIS CANON

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Day”

All praise to Thee, my God, this day,  
for all the blessings on the way!

Keep me, O keep me safe from harm  
within the shelter of thine arm!

#### \* PRAYER of DEDICATION

#### Time with Younger Church

Rev. Kristy Ray

*(Following the Children’s Message all children are invited to Kids Connect. The children may be picked up in the south end of the Christian Ministry Center after the worship service.)*

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Luke 15:11-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON:

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers- Martin

“Lost and Found”

#### RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

#### \*HYMN of RESPONSE #2100 Sing the Faith

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

Vs 1, 2, 5

#### \*UNISON AFFIRMATION of FAITH

#### THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Still, Still, Still

“Still, Still, Still”

Eastminster Handbell Quartet

#### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

#### THE 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.

#### GO IN GOD’S NAME

#### \*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP #23

#### GLORIA

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#### \*BENEDICTION

Persons are available to pray with you after service in the Chapel which is located behind the Sanctuary cross.

#### \*POSTLUDE

“Tidings of Joy”  
Bonnie Griffith, Organ

\*Please stand if able

#### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Flowers this morning are given by given by Kelly Dunn in Honor of the magnificent Music Ministry of Eastminster

Next week with Rev. Kristy Ray

Sermon: “Less is More: Lessons and Carols”

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Today is “Joining Weekend”. If you desire to join Eastminster or have any questions, please come forward following worship near the Baptismal Font where elders will be there to meet you.



**John in January**  
Pastors’ Bible Study on the  
Gospel of John  
Wednesdays  
January 10, 17, 24, 31

**Christmas Eve**  
5:00 pm Family Candlelight  
8:00 pm Traditional  
Candlelight  
11:00pm Candlelight  
Communion

## Tim's Tidings



Joy and celebration. That's what God experiences when we "come home."

Perhaps no other story illustrates this better than the parable Jesus told of the "wayward" or prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. This son insulted his father by asking for his inheritance early. In his culture, this was a slap in the face, saying in effect, "you are dead to me."

The son left the father and left the lifestyle that would bring health to the body and life to the soul. He ended up bottoming out and resolving to return to the father as a slave. Before he makes it even all the way home the father meets him with joy and orders a celebration "for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" (Luke 15:24).

For those of us who have been, far off to God, this Season is a time to "come home." It is a time to ask forgiveness of wrongs and resolve to live in the hope, peace, joy and love of our heavenly Father. It is a time to forgive those who have hurt us.

But there is more. For those who remain faithful, it is a time to realize the bounty that the Father offers us in all times and seasons. We are heirs to God's kingdom. We are alive to God in Christ. We too are "found, forgiven and free" to love God and others.

May the world "know we are Christians by our love" as we radiate the love and light God has for us. When the early Christian communities gathered, one of the remarks recorded in Scripture about them is "see how they love each other." I am gratified for the love that is in this church, and I know it spills out from here into the world. Thanks be to God!

This Christmas, why not share that love by inviting others to Eastminster this afternoon at 3 p.m. for Eastminster's Musical "O Come Let Us Adore Him?" Other wonderful times of joy include December 23 at 6 p.m. for an "EPiC Christmas" celebration in contemporary style, December 24 for lessons and Carols at 10 a.m., and December 24 at 5 p.m. (Family Christmas Eve Candlelight), 8 p.m. (Traditional Candlelight), or 11 p.m. (Candlelight Communion). It's time to "come home" for Christmas in worship, praise and outreach, for we too have been "lost and now are found!" God is delighted and compassionate when we "come home!"

Blessings,



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#### *God does answer prayer!*

Persons are available to pray with you after service in the Chapel which is located behind the Sanctuary cross. Also, if you wish prayer for a situation in your life, you may place a Prayer Request Form from the pew rack into the offering plate. Prayer Request Forms are also available on [www.epcfl.org/prayer-request](http://www.epcfl.org/prayer-request) or contact one of the pastors listed below.

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## Luke 15:11-32

### *"Lost and Found"*

*"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."*

**December 17, 2017**

10:00 a.m. Service

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