

## 4th Sunday of Advent

“Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together.” *Isaiah 40:5*

### GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

#### PRELUDE

*Harp Melodies*  
*Angie Bemiss*

#### CHIMING of the HOUR

#### CHORAL INTROIT

#### CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

*“Creator of the Stars at Night”*

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN of PRAISE #23

#### GLORIA

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*Abigail Kirk, Darica Dawson, and Morgan Barney, Dancers*

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

#### LIGHTING of ADVENT CANDLE

Jim and Cindy Earp

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

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Reader: Let us light the candle of joy 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 exuberant joy. You bring comfort to Your people and send us angels unaware to spread cheer and joy throughout this season. At the close of Advent we quickly approach the joy of receiving Jesus into the world once more. Filled with expectation we joyously have been making room for You in our lives. We have been still and know You are God, and now we look forward to stillness changing to movement. We have looked in hope, asked for peace, spread love and now wait with joy, for Christmas is almost here. We ask for help once more to make room in our lives for that which is most important, the Prince of Peace and Lord of lords, Emmanuel “God with us.” Thank you Lord for being with us and among us this day and always. Amen.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 9

#### EMMANUEL

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

#### Time with Younger Church

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

*(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.)*

#### PRESENTATION of TITHES & OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

David B. Music

*“Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell!”*

*Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor, Accompanist*

*David Fleenor, Conductor*

#### \*DOXOLOGY #592

#### OLD HUNDREDTH

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### \* PRAYER of DEDICATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON:

Rev. Kristy Ray

*“Less Is More: Lessons and Carols”*

#### Carol #53

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*“What Child is This”*

#### Carol

BRING A TORCH

*“Love Has Come”*

#### Carol #28

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*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

### RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

*“I Wonder as I Wander”*

*Darice Dawson*

#### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

We pray together in song...

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,*

*O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

We pray together in song...

*We give You all the glory, We give You all the glory, We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord*

#### 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 #41

#### ADESTE FIDELES

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

#### \*BENEDICTION

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

#### \*POSTLUDE

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

*Robert McBride, Organ, Teresa Fleenor, Piano*

\*Please stand if able

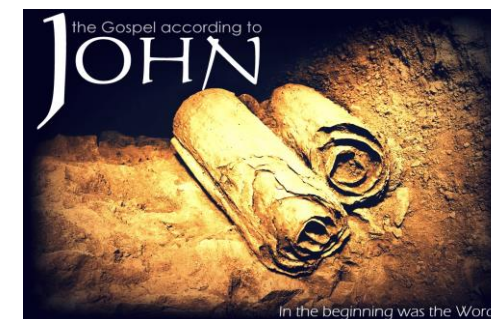
#### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Flowers this morning are given by Bill and Melba McCaslin to the Glory of God and in Honor of our Grandchildren - Jack, Lily, Billy, Katie, Reid and Lauren.

Next week with our college students

Sermon: “Turning the Page”

Scripture: John 3:1-5, 19-21



**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**

“Love Has Come”

*Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!  
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love!  
Glory to God on high.*

*Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love!  
Love is the name she whispers. Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.*

*Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

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 with Pastor Kristy- January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 Pastor Kristy will be hosting a First Impressions gathering. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Kristy with any questions or to confirm attendance at 321-723-8371.



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*Isaiah 40:1-11*

*“Less Is More: Lessons and Carols”*

*“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 24, 2017**  
10:00 a.m. Service  
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