

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**TODAY:** Sunday, December 11

**Lay Leader:** Chris Gassner

**Head Usher:** Hans Wiegert  
Gil Kraemer

**Greeters:** Scott Forster  
Shirley Nease  
Diane Hughs

### Time with Children

Children's Choir

### Children's Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Scott Kennington  
Robin Kennington

### K4– 1<sup>st</sup> Children's Worship

Anitha Samuel

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sunday, December 18

**Lay Leader:** Anna George

**Head Usher:** Eileen Osteen  
Mark Sucher

**Greeters:** Reschin Moore  
Roxana Talwar  
Lisa Ferney

### Time with Children

Claire George

### Children's Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Kim Gassner  
Chris Gassner

### K4– 1<sup>st</sup> Children's Worship

Melinda Finney

### FOR THE RECORD:

Last Sunday's Attendance	164
Received for Program & Mission	\$ 10,690
Receipts Necessary for Budget	\$ 6,080
Given Year to Date:	\$270,012
Program & Mission Needs (year to date)	\$267,520

### PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you should have an emergency or someone you know needs pastoral care, please contact the church office at 284-0190 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need assistance after office hours please contact Pastor Steve Vance, at 864-414-0276. You can also send an email to Katie Keller, Elder in charge of Congregational Care, at [network62@eastminster.com](mailto:network62@eastminster.com). Prayer request forms are available each Sunday morning on the welcome table in the Commons.

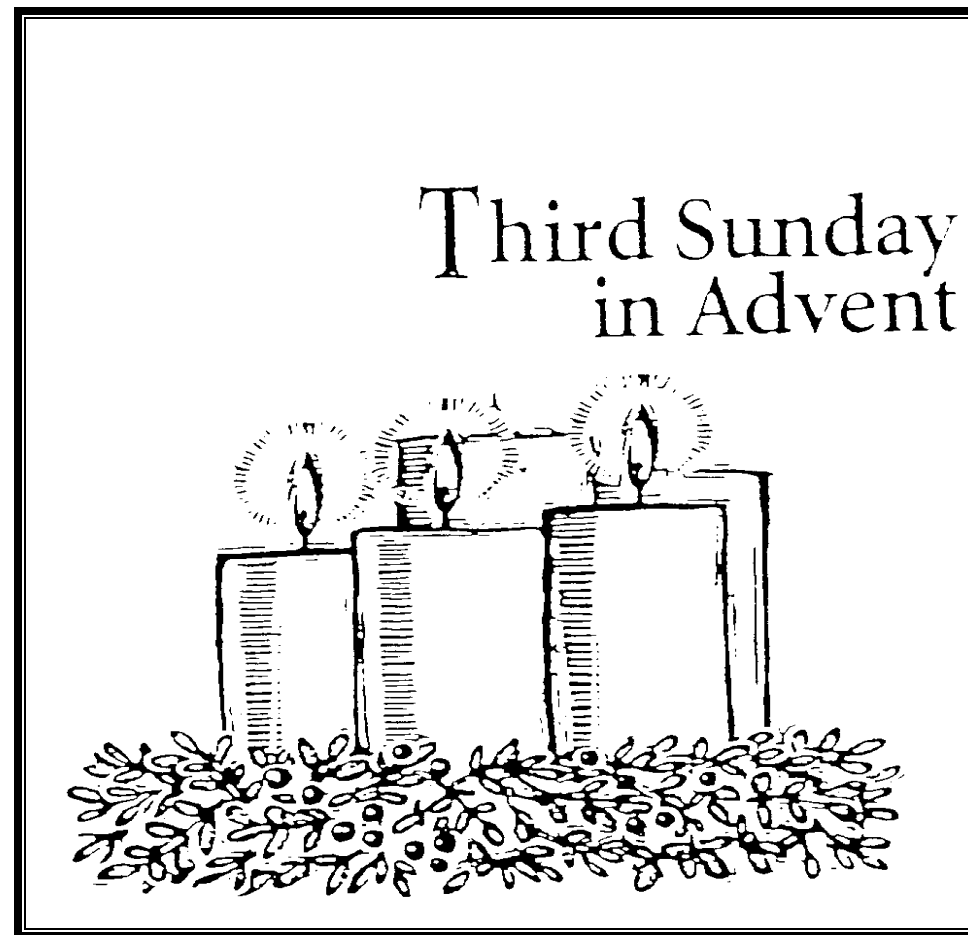
### DURING WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. If you find it necessary to leave the sanctuary, please try to time this to occur during hymns, offering, or before/after you have communed. In accordance with our church's **Child Protection Policy** please accompany your child at all times to and from the worship space. Thank you for helping to limit distractions during worship.

# EASTMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 11, 2011



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# EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2010 – 10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MINUTE FOR MISSION-Alternative Gift Fair** 10,000 Villages

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### PRELUDE

*Liturgist Chris Gassner*

### THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: PROCLAIM CHRIST'S COMING

Audra Pierce, Syble Drake, Jared and Mallory Pierce

**CANTOR:** "Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere..."

Leaders: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John..."

**PEOPLE:** **He came to witness to the Light and we are called to do the same.**

\* **HYMN# 49** **"Once in Royal David's City"** *Irby*

(Soloist)  
Once in Royal David's City stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

(Choir only)  
He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

## CHURCH STAFF

Stephen R. Vance	Interim Pastor
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### Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Office Closed on Mondays

## Ministry Teams & Elder Leaders

Clerk of Session	Bonnie McCourtie
Media Communications	Bonnie McCourtie
Internal Ministry Council	Sharon Daugherty
Worship Team	Ann Coleman
Fellowship Team	Sharon Daugherty
Membership Team	Carol Stewart
Congregational Care Team	Katie Keller
Vision Council	Rob Ellis
Stewardship Team	Mike Ferney
Strategic Planning Team	Robb Ellis
Educational Ministry Council	Melinda Finney
Children's Education Team	Anitha Samuel
Youth Education Team	Rick Owens
Adult Education Team	Chuck Landers
Operations Council	Mark Sucher
Building & Grounds Team	Mike Armor
Finance & Administration Team	Mark Sucher
Personnel Team	Ed Irick
Outreach Council	Craig Winebarger

**Thank you to the following for committing their time and talent in preparation of this year's musical offering of Lessons and Carols.**

Soprano

Amy Joye-Bailey  
Ann Broom  
Syble Drake  
Henrietta Gamble  
June Granger  
Sherry Hirt  
Lauren Landers  
Kaylee Osteen  
Carla Rose  
Chelsea Rudisill  
Laura Supra

Alto

Elaine Campbell  
Ellen Cortright  
Audrey Herd  
Mallory Pierce  
Emily Ruaf  
Michelle Simpson  
Claire Steed  
Carol Stewart  
Linda Sucher

Tenor

Gregg Campbell  
Robb Ellis  
Valeen Goodreau  
Jonathan Kilpatrick  
Mike Shea

Bass

Mike Ferney  
Brandon Graves  
Chuck Landers  
Bruce Nolan  
Louis Steed

**Handbell Ringers**

Kim Gassner  
Cathy Parrish

Carol Irick  
Jim Parrish

Linda Sucher

Handbell Directors; Cathy and Jim Parrish

**Children's Choir**

Leah Carlson  
Harrison Finney  
Nora Beth Norton  
Roshni Samuel  
Maurena Supra

Kathryn Carlson  
Max Gassner  
Cove Norton  
Sanjana Samuel  
Noel Watkins

Abbie Finney  
Molly Gassner  
Ava Norton  
Katelyn Supra  
Hope Watkins

Assisting during rehearsals; Jane Couch, Stephanie Norton, Anitha Samuel and Laura Supra.

**The Adult choir, Children's choir and Handbell choir would like to thank Luke and Kelly for their leadership and commitment in helping us prepare for this special musical offering.**

(Choir and Congregation)

Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.

(Choir and Congregation)

And our eyes at last shall see Him through his own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

**\* BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

*Reverend Stephen Vance*

**FIRST LESSON**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

*Leah Carlson*

*Adam and Eve rebel against God.*

**CAROL**

**"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"**

*Don Michael Dicie*

**SECOND LESSON**

**Genesis 22:15-18**

*Craig Winebarger*

*God Promises to faithful Abraham that his descendants will  
Be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.*

**CAROL**

**"What Sweeter Music"**

*Linden Lea, V. Williams*

**THIRD LESSON**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7**

*Sharon Daugherty*

*Christ's birth and rule of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah.*

**CAROL**

**"Invocation for Advent"**

*Nancy Price and Don Besig*

**FOURTH LESSON**

**Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9**

*Taylor Putnam*

*The peace that Christ will bring is foretold.*

**CAROL**

**"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

*Hal Hopson*

**FIFTH LESSON**

**Luke 1:26-35, 38**

*Anita Harley*

*The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she  
will be the mother of Jesus*

**CAROL**

**"Mary, Did You Know?"**

*Lloyd Larson*

**SIXTH LESSON**                      **Matthew 1:18-23**                      *Scott Forster*  
*Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

**CAROL**                                      **“Silent Night “**                                      *arr. Jim Parrish*

(Congregation join on verse 4)

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.

**SEVENTH LESSON**                      **Luke 2: 8-16**                      *Roxana Talwar*  
*The shepherds go to Bethlehem.*

**CAROL**                                      **“Fall on your Knees”**                                      *Pepper Choplin*

**THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE**  
Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

**EIGHTH LESSON**                      **Matthew 2:1-11**                      *Lauren Landers*  
*The wise men led by the star to Jesus.*

**CAROL**                                      **“How Far is it to Bethlehem?”**                                      *Molly Ijames*

\* **HYMN # 23**                      **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**                                      *Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**NINTH LESSON**                      **John 1:1-14**                      *Reverend Stephen Vance*  
*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

**CAROL**                                      **“Gloria Deo!”**                                      *Sally K Albrecht*

\* **HYMN# 40**                                      **“Joy to the World”**                                      *Antioch*

Joy to the World! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature  
sing.

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations  
prove, the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

\* **CLOSING PRAYER**                                      *Reverend Stephen Vance*

\* **POSTLUDE**

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**A Meeting of the congregation** will be held on Sunday, December 18, for the purpose of electing elders to serve on the session as the class of 2014. The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) will place the following members of EPC in nomination. Gregg Campbell, Syble Drake, Scott Carlson, Sam Talwar, and Anne Vickers.

## ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AT EASTMINISTER

### Sunday, December 11, 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:15AM	Sunday school – Children/Youth/Adult
9:15AM	New Members class-Pastor Steve
10:30AM	WORSHIP-Lessons and Carols-CHOIRS
11:30AM	Social Sunday – Fellowship
11:30AM	Finance Team
11:30AM	Social Sunday-Fellowship
5:00PM	Christmas Parties for Children and Youth

### THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

6:45AM	Men's Bible Study-Clarke's Kitchen
7:00PM	Scouts-Multi purpose room

#### Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM	Fellowship Meal
6:20PM	Handbell Choir
6:30PM	Midweek Worship
6:30PM	Children's choir

#### Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

5:00PM	Parents Night Out
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### Sunday, December 18, 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:30AM	Women's Breakfast
9:15AM	Sunday school – Children/Youth/Adult
10:30AM	Worship
	Congregational Meeting-Elect Elders-Class 2014
3:00PM	F.U.N Fifty-Up Network-Gill and Sally Seal
8:00PM	Carriage Rides/Caroling in Fountain Inn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY NITE at EPC:** Join your church family at 6:00 pm on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> for Nugget Night community meal, by Chick-Fil-A, an RSVP is appreciated. The price for this event is to be determined. This will also be a Fun Night! Please bring a covered-dish, sides, a salad or a dessert. Afterwards, join us for Mid-week Devotions or Children's choir rehearsals at 6:30 pm. Questions? Contact Stephanie Norton [sfnorton@charter.net](mailto:sfnorton@charter.net).

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Children's choir 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., Handbell choir, 6:20 to 7:00 p.m. and Chancel choir 7:00 to 8:00. Questions! E-mail Luke Browder at [luke@eastminster.com](mailto:luke@eastminster.com)

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** - Gill and Sally Seal have invited the F.U.N. group to their home on December 18<sup>th</sup> for a drop in from 3:00-5:00. Gill and Sally's address is 2 Trowbridge Ct., in Simpsonville. Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us.

**2012 Contribution envelopes** are ready for pick-up in the commons. Please do not use your new envelopes until the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of January 2012. Offering envelopes are very important for tracking your contributions to EPC. Please use your new account number and discard your old 2011 envelopes at years end.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT** informed the church of your intended financial commitment for 2012 please use one of the pledge cards located in the Commons. Your support empowers the ministry of EPC! Thank You!

### Christmas Eve and Day Worship Services

December 24 <sup>th</sup> 5:00PM	Christmas Eve candle light and Communion
December 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:30AM	Christmas Day Worship-no communion

### UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

December 11, 5:00PM	<b>Christmas Parties for Children and Youth ministries</b>
December 18, 8:00PM	<b>Carriage Rides/Caroling in Fountain Inn</b>