

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

TODAY: 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 2nd – 5th

Kim Gassner

Scott Gassner

K4– 1st Children's Worship

Melinda Finney

CHRISTMAS EVE: December 24

Head Usher Tom Harley
Russ Taylor

Greeters

Time with Children

December 25 Libby Cheek

EASTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 18, 2011

FOR THE RECORD:

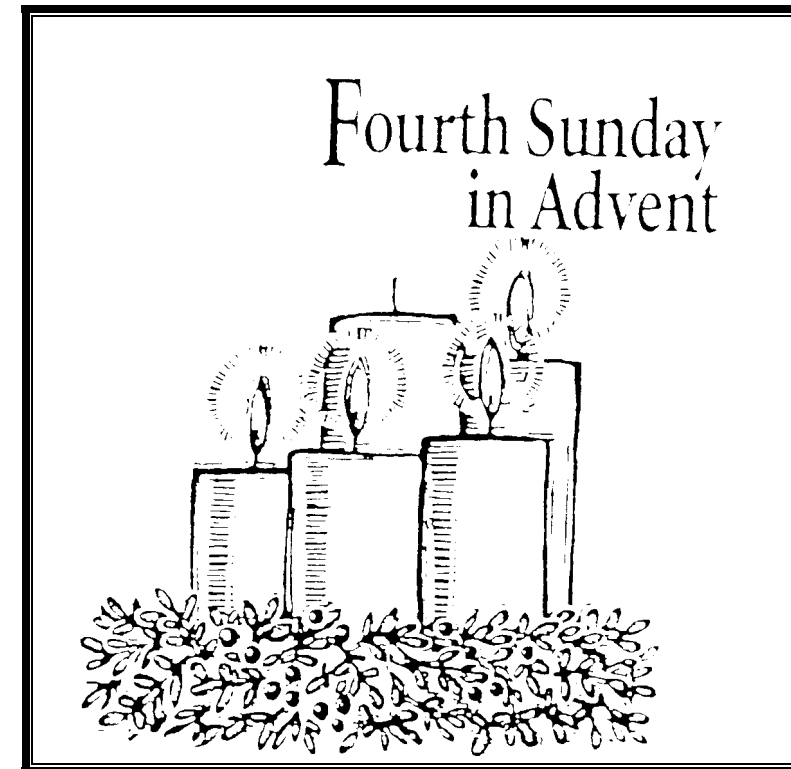
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| Last Sunday's Attendance | 221 |
| Received for Program & Mission | \$ 9,901 |
| Receipts Necessary for Budget | \$ 6,080 |
| Given Year to Date: | \$279,913 |
| Program & Mission Needs (year to date) | \$273,600 |

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. 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.



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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptizing

Welcome

BUNESSEN

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

A MINUTE FOR ALTERNATIVE GIFTING

GOD'S PANTRY

PRELUDE

LITURGIST ANNA GEORGE

THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: REJOICE AND BELIEVE!!

Anne Vickers and Bonnie McCourtie

CANTOR: ***“Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.***

From our fears and sins release us; Christ in whom our rest shall be.”

Leaders: Long ago the people were given a sign of God's presence.

PEOPLE: ***“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” Which means God is with us.”***

* HYMN# 44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Your deeds are mighty, O God, and your name is to be blessed forevermore. Holy is the One who comes in your name. As we gather in Christ's name, so fill us with the Holy Spirit that our words may tell of your marvelous deeds. Let our songs of praise rise to you as our response of love and adoration.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WINCHESTER NEW

**We hail You as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
O let your face upon us shine
And fill the world with love divine.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CLAIRE GEORGE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Baptism Questions

Congregational Commitment

LEWIS SKIP CHEEK

ELDER MARK OSTEEEN

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King,
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

SERMON “Turning Things Upside Down”

The Reverend Stephen R. Vance

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

based on Ephesians 4

**We affirm one body; the Church; and one Holy Spirit;
and one hope to which we are called.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ; one faith and one baptism.

We believe in one God, who is over all and through all and in all.

Thanks be to God!!

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call for the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

Congregational Response: Hymn#31

MARY'S CHILD

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the incarnate Deity,

Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN#36 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

CRANHAM

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn #23 Verse 3

GLORIA

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in ex-celsis Deo; Gloria in ex-celsis Deo.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

ELECTION OF ELDERS

* POSTLUDE

CHURCH STAFF

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| Stephen R. Vance svance@eastminster.com | Interim Pastor |
| Steven Putnam steven@eastminster.com | Director of Christian Education |
| Luke L. Browder luke@eastminster.com | Choir Director |
| Kelly Herd kellymarieherd@gmail.com | Accompanist |
| Sherry Hirt sherry@eastminster.com | Administrative Assistant |
| Wanda Grant pbs@carolina.rr.com | Treasurer |

Office Hours:

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

Ministry Teams & Elder Leaders

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| 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 |

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AT EASTMINISTER

Sunday, December 18, 2011 4th Sunday of Advent

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

Through year end

Wednesday, December 21

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

CHRISTMAS EVE-December 24

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| 5:00PM | Candlelight Worship and Communion |
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CHRISTMAS DAY-December 25

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| 10:30AM | Worship – No communion |
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The Church Office is closed- December 26th- January 2nd

Saturday, December 30

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| 6:30PM | Under 50 Christmas Bash At the home of Barry and Amy Campbell |
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Sunday, January 1, 2012

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| 9:15AM | Social gathering –“Clarke's Kitchen” No Sunday school |
| 10:30AM | Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Meeting of the congregation will be held this morning after worship 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.

LOVE OFFERING THIS SUNDAY: The Session has authorized a "Love Offering" to be received – apart from the morning offering – to express our love, support and encouragement of two of our own who are following God's call to Christian ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Claire George and Anna George are third-year (final) and first year students at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

Daughters of Harry & Beverly George, Claire and Anna will be assisting in worship this Sunday. Sharon Daugherty is Claire's liaison to the Session. Ann Colman is Anna's. A "Love Offering" Basket will be placed in a prominent location in our worship center to receive your gifts. Thank you so much for your generosity and your support!

Worship Services

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| December 24th | 5:00PM | Christmas Eve candle light Worship and Communion |
| December 25th | 10:30AM | Christmas Day Worship no communion |
| January 1st | 10:30AM | Worship with Communion |

2012 contribution envelopes are ready for pick-up in the commons. Please do not use your new envelopes until the 1st 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 year 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!

The Church will be closed to the public and members beginning December 28th through December 30th. Our custodian is scheduled to strip and re-wax many of the floors throughout the church. They are asking that we refrain from walking on the floors until the afternoon of December 31st to give the wax time to cure.

GROWING IN FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

From the Director of Christian Education:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 a.m.

3 yr olds – Kindergarten
1st – 3rdth Graders

4th & 5th Grades

Mid High 6th – 8th Graders
Sr. High Youth

Adults-Seekers Forum,

"Walk with Me", from Faith Alive Publishing
"DWELL curriculum"
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from Faith Alive Publishing
"Akaloo" from Augsburg Fortress
"Feasting on the Word"

Beginning January 2012
A study of The Lord's Prayer

Faith and Life Class – these dates may be modified as year progresses

01-08-2012

The Journey by Adam Hamilton
The Christmas Story

02-12-2012

The Good Samaritan by John Ortberg
Living out Christ's love in world-changing ways

03-18-2012

(8 week study)

Gospel in Life by Timothy Keller
How the gospel is lived out in all of life

On the Horizon-Summer 2012

Adult Sunday school
A study of Revelation- a Sunday evening adult series that will run 2,4, or 6 weeks at a time.

CHILDRENS CHURCH: 10:40 a.m.

K4 – 1st Grade
2nd – 5th Grade

After Time with Children
Education wing-1st classroom
Upstairs last classroom on left

For more education information, go to <http://www.eastminster.com>.