

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

TODAY: Sunday, December 4

Lay Leader Anita Harley
 Head Usher Rick Owens
 Chris Gassner
 Greeters Audra Pierce
 Kim Gassner
 Sharon Daugherty

Time with Children

Steven Putnam

Children's Worship 2nd – 5th

Layne Putnam
 Michaela Myers

K4– 1st Children's Worship

Susan Carlson

NEXT SUNDAY: 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 2nd – 5th

Scott Kennington
 Robin Kennington

K4– 1st Children's Worship

Anitha Samuel

FOR THE RECORD:

Last Sunday's Attendance	146
Received for Program & Mission	\$ 5,426
Receipts Necessary for Budget	\$ 6,080
Given Year to Date:	\$259,322
Program & Mission Needs (year to date)	\$261,440

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.

EASTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 4, 2011



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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

A MINUTE FOR ALTERNATIVE GIFTING

CAFÉ CULTURA

PRELUDE

LITURGIST ANITA HARLEY

THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PREPARE THE WAY!

HANNAH SMITH AND SALLY SEAL

CANTOR: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

LEADERS: We have heard the promise.
God's chosen One will soon be among us. We must make ready!

PEOPLE: **Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."**

* HYMN# 2 "Come Thou Long - Expected Jesus" *HYFRYDOL*

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

O Shepherd of Israel, you open our lips; our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of your will. Your covenant names us, your law guides us. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name...Amen!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE- Hymn 10 Verse 3, *WINCHESTER NEW LM*
**All praise to You, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit, evermore.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

STEVEN PUTNAM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Company's Coming!!"
The Reverend Stephen R. Vance

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith, 1978

We believe that the community of believers is renewed, at the Lord's Table, by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup. As his disciples we depend upon his life to sustain ours. Celebrating his victory over death, we look forward to sharing this joyous feast in his coming realm. This we affirm, and this we believe. Amen!

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call for the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering: "What Star is This?"

RICHARD SHEPHARD

Congregational Response:

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian Friends rejoice with heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

See Bulletin Insert for Liturgy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN#8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *TRURO*

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. [X2]**

POSTLUDE

CHURCH STAFF

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

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 & PROGRAMS AT EASTMINISTER

Sunday, December 4, 2011 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15AM	Sunday school- Children/Youth/Adult
9:15AM	New Members class-Pastor Steve
10:30AM	WORSHIP-Communion
1:00PM	Session stated Meeting and Luncheon
5:00PM	Hanging of the Greens
5:30PM	Children's Christmas Program
6:00PM	Fellowship Meal-Soup, salad and dessert

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 5th

7:00PM	Membership Team Meeting at the Stewarts
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Tuesday, December 6th

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

Wednesday, December 7th

6:00PM	Fellowship Meal
6:20PM	Handbell Choir
6:30PM	Midweek Worship
6:30PM	Children's choir
7:00PM	Chancel Choir-Lessons & Carols rehearsal

Thursday, December 8th

10:00AM	Ladies Circle
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Sunday, December 11, 2011 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15AM	Sunday school – Children/Youth/Adult
9:15AM	New Members class-Pastor Steve
10:30AM	WORSHIP-Lessons and Carols
11:30AM	Social Sunday - Fellowship
11:30AM	Finance Team
1:30AM	Social Sunday-Fellowship
5:00PM	Christmas Parties for Children and Youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INQUIRER'S CLASSES – next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Pastor Steve will lead the second Inquirer's class for new EPC members and potential new members. Questions contact Pastor Steve at 284-0190 or svance@eastminster.com.

This is the fifth year the "Angel Ministry" has made "Christmas Angels" for all the Children of Eastminster. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and send a special thank you to Ann Broom, Suzanne Cater, Jane Couch, Sandy Ingram, Marilyn James, Barbara Mann, Sally Seal, and Hannah Smith for the time and love they spent on this year's project.

Hanging of the Greens TONIGHT!

5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Decorate in celebration of the Christmas Season.

5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Children's Program! Come and enjoy.

6:00 P.M. – Share in a covered dish supper featuring Soup, Salad and Desserts

A signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex! So get out your soup recipes and signup to bring soup, salad and bread, or a dessert.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS must be dropped off at the church no later than Thursday, December 8th so we can prepare to deliver them on Saturday, December 10. Please return your gifts as soon as possible to the church office. Thank you for your generosity. You are going to make a lot of children happy this Christmas.

WEDNESDAY NITE at EPC: Join your church family at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 7th for a "Notcho Mama's Nachos" community meal. 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.

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

CHRISTMAS IS COMING - Gill and Sally Seal have invited the F.U.N. group to their home on December 18th 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 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!

GROWING IN FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

From the Director of Christian Education:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 a.m.

3 yr olds – Kindergarten

1st – 3rd Graders

4th & 5th Grades

Mid High 6th – 8th Graders

Sr. High Youth

"Walk with Me", from Faith Alive Publishing

"DWELL curriculum" from Faith Alive Publishing

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"Akaloo" from Augsburg Fortress

"Feasting on the Word"

ADULT CLASSES

Seekers Forum

Hallelujah and Advent study from Kerygma

"Explore the scriptural text of Handel's Messiah"

Faith and Life Class

"An Advent Conspiracy"

Experience Advent and celebrate Christmas

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

MID AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Participation in the Hanging of the Greens

Class descriptions can be found on the website at <http://www.eastminster.com>.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 11, 5:00PM

Christmas Parties for Children and Youth ministries

December 18, 8:00PM

Carriage Rides/Caroling in Fountain Inn