

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

TODAY:	Sunday, November 27	NEXT SUNDAY:	Sunday, December 4
Lay Leader	Valeen Goodreau	Lay Leader	Anita Harley
Head Usher	Rick Owens	Head Usher	Rick Owens
	Gil Kraemer		Chris Gassner
Greeters	Ann Coleman	Greeters	Audra Pierce
	Sharon Daugherty		Kim Gassner
	Peg Lawhorn		Sharon Daugherty
Time with Children		Time with Children	
	Anna George		Steven Putnam
Children's Worship 2 nd – 5 th		Children's Worship 2 nd – 5 th	
	Scott Forster, Lauren Landers		Layne Putnam
	Anna Gardner		Michaela Myers
K4– 1 st Children's Worship		K4– 1 st Children's Worship	
	Melinda Finney		Susan Carlson

FOR THE RECORD:

Last Sunday's Attendance	111
Received for Program & Mission	\$ 4,111
Receipts Necessary for Budget	\$ 6,080
Given Year to Date:	\$253,896
Program & Mission Needs (year to date)	\$255,360

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.

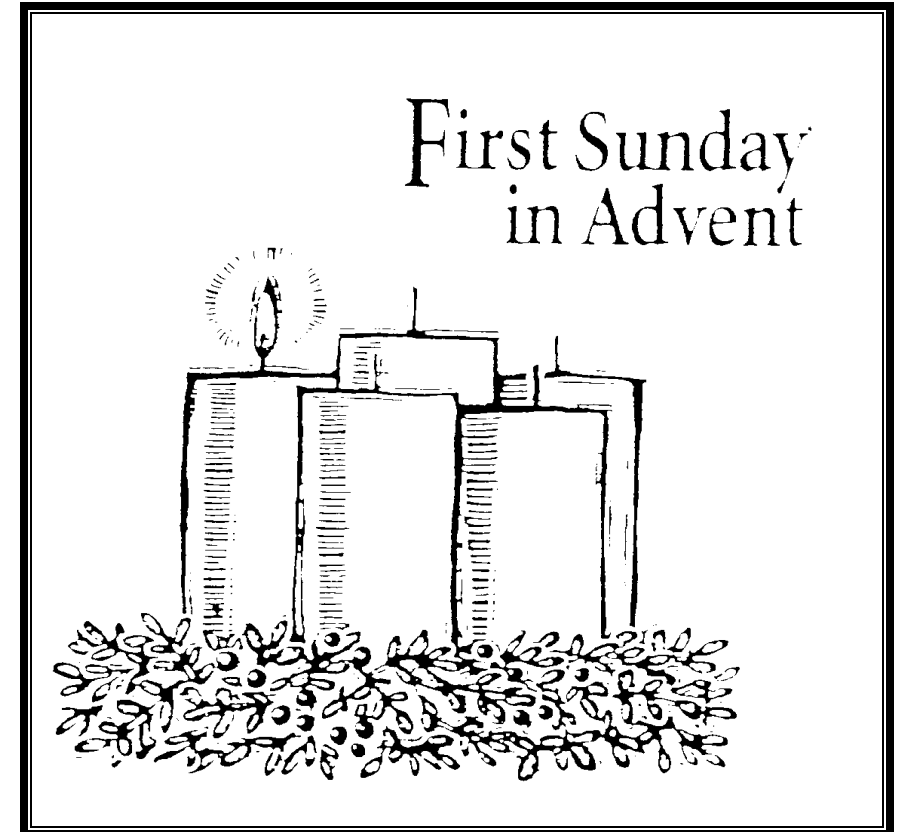
DURING WORSHIP

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

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November 27, 2011



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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The 1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

LITURGIST VALEEN GOODREAU

PRELUDE

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: AWAKE! WAIT! WATCH!

SCOTT, SUSAN, LEAH AND KATHRYN CARLSON

CANTOR: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

LEADERS: The darkness has long been upon us.
We long for the light-the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.

PEOPLE: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light!

* HYMN #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us, that we may escape the judgment we are bringing on ourselves. Send your light that it may shine through us into a needy world. In Jesus' name, Amen...*[silent & personal confession]*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STUTTGART

**Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANNA GEORGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

SERMON

"God's Back?"

Claire George

* DECLARATION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1

We affirm that Jesus Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first born of creation, for through him God created everything in heaven and on earth; through him and for him God created the whole universe. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the source of our life as a community. Through him God has reconciled all things, both in heaven and on earth, making peace, through his sacrifice on the cross. Thanks be to God! Amen!!

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering: "Advent Prayer"

PETERSON and LARSON

*Response

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN#9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TALLIS' CANON

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

* POSTLUDE

CHURCH STAFF

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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
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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

Today, November 27, 2011 1st Sunday of Advent
9:15AM Social Event -No Sunday school
10:30AM WORSHIP-1st Sunday of Advent
No Children's Ministry Movie tonight

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 28
6:00PM PNC Meeting

Tuesday, November 29
6:45AM Men's Bible Study-Clarke's Kitchen
9:00AM Presbytery Meeting-Sanctuary (2:00 PM)

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

Friday December 2 and Saturday December 3
6:00PM Combined Youth Lock-in (9:00AM)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INQUIRER'S CLASSES - On the first two Sundays in December (4 & 11) Pastor Steve will be hosting/leading a two-session event for those folks who have joined EPC since last May and those folks who are joining EPC on **December 4**. These sessions will present the basic tenets of faith, polity, structure and mission of this congregation and the Presbyterian Church USA – and your part in the mission and ministry of Christ.

All members and friends of EPC are invited to attend. These sessions will be held in the Conference Room at the Presbytery Offices ... adjacent to our church building. Please call or email Pastor Steve to advise him of your attendance.

We had an unbelievable response to the **Angel Tree Giving** last Sunday. Angels are still available and we have the opportunity to accept more as we need them. The children from Robert E Cashion Elementary, Center for Community Services and The Lakeview Middle school. The Angel tree will be in the commons for the next few weeks. Each Angel has the age, gender, needs, sizes, and wants for each child. Please be sure to fill out the sign-up form, so we know who has which Angel. If you are not a shopper, but want to participate, you can make cash donations and we will have someone do the shopping. We need to deliver our gifts to the appropriate agency by Saturday, December 10. So 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.

Join us for the **Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 4th.**

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.

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. All members and friends of EPC are invited to attend. These sessions will be held in the Conference Room at the Presbytery Offices ... adjacent to our church building. Please call or email Pastor Steve to advise him of your attendance.

WEDNESDAY NITE at EPC: Join your church family at 6:00 pm on Wednesday November 30th Casseroles and Comfort Food (changed from vegetarian) 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.

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

“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

LOCK-IN December 2-3

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 2-3, 6:00PM-9:00AM

Combined Lock-in

December 4, 5:00PM

Hanging of the Greens

December 11, 5:00PM

Christmas Parties for Children and Youth ministries

December 18, 8:00PM

Carriage Rides/Caroling in Fountain Inn