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Eastwood Officers

The Session (Elders)

Bart Lester (Moderator)
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The Diaconate

Jon Chancey, Frank Dagostin, Allen Gamble, Andrew Godwin,
Steven Hall, Don Henle, Andrew Jones, Tim Owen,
Scott Pritchett (Chairman), Johnny Stallings, Bob Wieland



Eastwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

...that in everything He might be preeminent...
Colossians 1:18

December 11, 2022

The Lord's Day

Sunday Morning Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Thoughts on the sight of Jesus as an infant at the Temple: *"If the sight of Christ while still an infant, had so powerful an effect on Simeon that he could approach death cheerfully and quietly, how much more ground there is for our quietness and peace today, when we may see all parts of our salvation complete in Christ?"* A Harmony of the Gospels, John Calvin

The Announcements and Welcome

The Prelude "Hymns of Advent" Glen Pochlman
Rebekah Tankersley, flute; Youlanda Slocumb, horn
Walker Lee Hinton, percussion; Sadler Hinton percussion

The Call to Worship

* **The Hymn 208** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vv. 1-4) ADESTE FIDELES

*The Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell**. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church***, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**For the explanation of "He descended into hell" see Larger Catechism Q/A 50

*** From the Latin word catholicus meaning universal

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

The Public Reading of Scripture Luke 2:1-21

The Pastoral Prayer

***The Psalter** p. 55 Psalm 68 (vv. 1-12) WEYMOUTH CMD

*Congregation standing (if able) Please refrain from all applause.
Please silence all electronic devices. Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary

Eastwood This Week

Dec 12-18 Frank Dagostin

Tuesday:

12:00 P.M. Staff Meeting/Office Closed 12-1 P.M.

12:00 P.M. Parent Technology Workshop/FH (hosted by ECS)

Wednesday:

12-1:00 P.M. Open Prayer Time/Session Room

5:30 P.M. Choir Practice/Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Youth Fellowship

Thursday:

Saturday:

Nursery Rotation/Please be in the nursery no later than 9:05 A.M.

Today: Youlanda Slocumb, Carrie Godwin, Margaret Eagerton

Dec. 18 Hannah Mills, Stephanie Pritchett, Kaitlyn Hunter

Dec. 25 Carrie Carboni, Joanna Stewart, Lucy Hodges

Jan. 01 Merri Gamble, Sarah Jones, Lynn Grace

Usher Rotation/Please be in the Narthex by 10:10 A.M.

Today: Dakota Mills, Matthew Parker, Mack Perkins, Charles Rhodes

Dec. 18 James Rim, Adam Rogers, Brandon Slocumb, Reggie Sorrells

Dec. 25 Jonathan Sumner, Lee Sumner, Stewart Tankersley, John Paul Tankersley

Jan. 01 Den Trumbull, Lukas VanDyke, Mike Vaughn, William Whatley

Upcoming Church Events

12/11/2022 Lessons and Carols/Reception Following

12/18/2022 The Lord's Supper PM

12/24/2022 Christmas Eve Service 5PM

12/25/2022 No Sunday School; no nursery in the PM

12/26/2022 Church Office Closed

01/01/2023 No Sunday School; no nursery in the PM

Faith Promise	
2022 Commitment (April 1st 2022-March 31st 2023)	Received YTD
\$148,910	\$

ECS Annual Fund

As you consider your end of the year giving, please keep the ECS Annual Fund in mind. The ECS Annual Fund has been able to purchase 26 chrome books for teachers and students, add new security measure to all of the ECS campuses, and help develop reserve funds for the maintenance/replacement of the large air conditioning units. This is just to name a few of the areas that the ECS Annual Fund is able to provide. As a member of Eastwood, you will receive more information over the next few weeks by mail. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Joel Bius (jbious@eastwoodschool.org).

Reformation Book Club

The Reformation-Puritan Book Club will meet on **January 12th** in the home of Doug and Gertie Hudson. The address is 8921 Green Chase Drive, Montgomery, Al 36117. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and end around 8:15 p.m. Please read Chapter 3 of *The Blessed Death of Those Who Die in the Lord*.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Offertory:

Handel's Christmas Messiah: A Cantata

"And The Glory Of The Lord"

Based on Isaiah 40:5

*"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

The Sermon

"A Scandalous Birth"

Rev. Bart Lester

Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Sermons

***The Hymn 213**

"What Child is This" (vv. 1-3)

GREENSLEVES

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Richard Eilliot

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

**Join us this evening for a night of Lessons and Carols.
Reception following in the Fellowship Hall.**

Life of the Church

Winter Adult Sunday School Quarter: December 4-February 26

Ephesians, taught by Bart Lester, in FHA

Genesis, taught by Ross Hodges in FHB

Romans 8, led by Lee Bloodworth & Billy Joseph in the Covenant Chapel

Children's Catechism Schedule for December

December 11th Questions 3-5

December 18th Questions 6-7

December 25th Questions 8-10

Eastwood Today

DOW: Jon Chancey

9:00 AM - Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

9:15 AM - Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM - Morning Worship Service

4:30 PM - No Missions Prayer Time

6:00 PM - Lessons & Carols/Reception

“A Scandalous Birth”
Matthew 1:18-25
December 11, 2022

Welcome to Eastwood
Our church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us this today. Visitors are asked to please fill out the visitor’s card in the back of the pew and provide us the requested information so that we might welcome you. Cards may be placed in the offering plates. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord’s Day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will not have Sunday school December 25th or January 1st. We WILL have evening worship on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday January 1st but no nursery for the evening service.

Lessons and Carols

Tonight, we will have our Annual Lessons and Carols service beginning at 6PM. Following this service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Lessons and Carols Reception with light hors d’oeuvres.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us Saturday, December 24th at 5:00pm, for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service. Be sure to bring your family and friends.

End of Year Giving

God has richly blessed us this past year in many ways and we are so grateful for His kindness. As we close out 2022, please remember to include Eastwood in your end of year giving. All tithes and gifts should be in the church office no later than 3pm, Thursday, December 29th in order that they be included in this year’s receipts.

Save the Date

On Friday evening, January 20 and Saturday morning, January 21, we will be hosting a parenting conference with our own Dr. Den Trumbull, pediatrician and author of *Loving By Leading*. More details to come.

Christmas Poinsettias may be purchased for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Please fill out the slip below and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Today is the deadline. Cost is \$16.00 per plant.

Your Name: _____ Plants _____

Given in Honor/Memory of (Please circle one):

