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### **Eastwood Officers**

#### **The Session (Elders)**

Bart Lester (Moderator)  
Tim Cantey, Milton Hodges, Tommy James, Billy Joseph,  
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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 18, 2022

## The Lord's Day

Sunday Morning Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Thoughts upon entering the Sanctuary: *"It would have been to no purpose that Christ was born in Bethlehem, if it had not been made known to the world. But the method of doing so, which is described by Luke, appears absurd to men. First, Christ is revealed but to a few witnesses, and that in the middle of the night. Again, although God had at his command, many honorable and distinguished witnesses, he passed by them, and chose shepherds, persons of humble rank, of no account to men. . . So, if we desire to come to Christ, we must not be ashamed to follow those whom God chose, from the sheep dung, to bring down the pride of the world."*

John Calvin, A Harmony of the Gospels

### The Announcements and Welcome

**The Prelude**      *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*      Arr. Rex Koury  
Organist, Kelley Garrett

### The Call to Worship

**\* The Hymn 195** *"Joy to the World! The Lord Had Come"* (vv. 1-4) ANTIOCH

### \*The Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever, Amen.

### \*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 Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*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 19-25 Allen Gamble

### Tuesday:

### Wednesday:

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

5:30 P.M. NO Choir Practice/Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. NO Youth Fellowship

### Thursday:

### Saturday:

5:00 P.M. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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

Today: Hannah Mills, Stephanie Pritchett, Kaitlyn Hunter

Dec. 25 Carrie Carboni, Joanna Stewart, Lucy Hodges

Jan. 01 Merri Gamble, Youlanda Slocumb, Lynn Grace

Jan. 08 Alyssa Hunter, Rene Chancey, Suzanne Sumner

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

Today: James Rim, Adam Rogers, Brandon Slocumb, Reggie Sorrells

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

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

Jan. 08 Riggs Walker, David Riggs Jr., Bruce Winking, Carson Xue

### Upcoming Church Events

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

01/01/2023 The Lord's Supper AM

01/02/2023 Church Office Closed

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

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### **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.

### **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*.

### **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**

December 18<sup>th</sup> Questions 6-7

December 25<sup>th</sup> Questions 8-10

January 1<sup>st</sup> Questions 11-13

January 8<sup>th</sup> Questions 14-16

January 15<sup>th</sup> Questions 17-19

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Questions 20-22

January 29<sup>th</sup> Questions 23-25

#### **Eastwood Today**

DOW: Frank Dagostin

9:00 AM - Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

9:15 AM - Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM - Morning Worship Service

4:30 PM - Missions Prayer Time

5:30 PM - Evening Worship

#### **The Public Reading of Scripture** Luke 1:26-56

#### **The Pastoral Prayer**

**\*The Psalter** p. 60-61

Psalm 72 (vv. 1-12)

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#### **The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **The Choral Offertory:** "Christmas Sanctus"

Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler

See the weary pair, nestled in a stable bare, gazing at their baby boy, filled with love and praise. Earth and heaven sing, worshipping the newborn King, who has come to change the world. Join in songs of praise: Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one. Heav'n and earth are filled with your glory. Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son. Glory be to God in the highest! See the shepherds run, searching for God's precious Son; kneeling at his manger bed, filled with love and praise. Ev'ry knee will bow. Ev'ry tongue confessing now, Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

#### **The Sermon**

"The King & His Worshipers"

Rev. Bart Lester

Matthew 2:1-12

Advent Sermons

#### **\*The Hymn 194**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vv. 1-5)

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#### **\*The Benediction**

**The Postlude** *Variations on "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* Roger Wilson

#### **Evening Worship**

**5:30 P.M.**

#### **The Announcements and Welcome**

#### **The Call to Worship**

**\*The Hymn 198** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates!" (vv. 1-6) TRURO

#### **The Invocation**

**The Public Reading of Scripture** Exodus 15:1-21

#### **Missions Moment**

#### **Congregational Prayer**

**\*The Hymn 218** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vv. 1-5)

REGENT SQUARE

#### **The Sermon**

"We Were There"

Rev. Billy Joseph

Luke 2:8-19

**\*The Hymn 217** "All My Heart, This Night Rejoices" (vv. 1-7)

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#### **The Invitation to the Table**

#### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

#### **\*The Benediction**

*“The King & His Worshipers”*  
Matthew 2:1-12  
December 18, 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 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. We WILL have evening worship on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> but no nursery for the evening service.**

**Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting after the morning service today for the purpose of voting on Ross Hodges as Associate Pastor of Eastwood Presbyterian Church. We ask that parents please gather their children from the nursery immediately following the worship service in order to allow our volunteers to be in attendance as soon as possible.

**Christmas Eve Service**

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

**End of Year Giving**

As we see the year 2022 coming to a close, we here at Eastwood church have so much to be thankful for. God has brought new members, births of covenant children, new staff, and much more. One of the less visible blessings is the two men from our congregation God has set apart for seminary training: Wright Draper, a son of the church, and Jake Matulia, our current youth director. We would like to ask you to please consider a special contribution, above and beyond your tithe, to the Eastwood Seminary Student Scholarship Fund. Contributing to this fund allows the donor to take a tax deduction and eliminates the income tax burden on the student. If you are interested in giving, you can designate your gift to Wright or Jake or just the Scholarship Fund in general. Even if you’re not able to give, please remember these young men in your prayers.

**Please remember that all tithes and gifts should be in the church office no later than 3pm, Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in order that they be included in this year’s receipts.**