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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,  
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# Eastwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

December 25, 2022

## The Lord's Day

Sunday Morning Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Thoughts upon entering the Sanctuary: *"Almighty God, who has given us Your only - begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, which we beseech You to send forth more and more into our hearts, as a testimony of Your fatherly love to us, and to fill us with fervent love towards You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."* Collect 56 (Christmas Day)

### The Announcements and Welcome

### The Prelude

### The Call to Worship

**\* The Hymn 203**      *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"* (vv. 1-3)  
MENDELSSOHN

### \*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 Pastoral Prayer

**The Public Reading of Scripture**    Isaiah 9:1-7

**\*The Hymn 197**      *"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"* (vv. 1-4)    THIRSTING

### The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*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 26-Jan 1** Andrew Godwin

### 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:

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

Today: Johanna Stewart, Luci Hodges

Jan. 01 Merri Gamble, Youlanda Slocumb, Lynn Grace

Jan. 08 Alyssa Hunter, Rene Chancey, Carrie Carboni

Jan. 15 Julie Ivory, Joyce Glasgow, Laura Parker

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

Today: Jonathan Sumner, Lee Sumner, Stewart Tankersley, John Paul Tankersley

Jan. 01 Adam Rogers, Lukas VanDyke, Mike Vaughn, William Whatley

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

Jan. 15 Paul Aehnlich, Paul Bartley, Anthony Carboni, Joel Bius

### Upcoming Church Events

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

01/12/2023 Reformation Book Club meets

01/15/2023 The Lord's Supper PM

01/20-21/23 Parenting Conference

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

### **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*.

### **Poinsettias Given in Honor/Memory Of:**

#### **In Honor Of:**

Our 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Frank Dagostin  
Ruth Godwin  
Our Grandchildren  
Sarah Mason

Barbara & Doug Link  
Anna Lawrence  
Nancy & Den Trumbull  
Irene & Paul Bartley  
The Ladies' Bible Study

#### **In Memory Of:**

Ollie K Miller Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Smilie  
Lucy & Gene Owen  
Lundie & Doc Riddle  
Ann Dagostin  
John Geiger  
Those we have lost  
Mr. & Mrs. W.G. James  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lamar, Sr.  
Thomas Lawrence

Dolores Miller  
Dolores Miller  
Mary Ann & Tim Owen  
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Frank Dagostin  
Nancy & Den Trumbull  
Irene & Paul Bartley  
Elaine & Tommy James  
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Anna Lawrence

### **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 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: Allen Gamble

10:30 AM - Morning Worship Service

5:30 PM – Evening Worship

### **The Choral Offertory:** “*The First Noel*”

Arr. Trevor Manor

Pianist, Mrs. Juyeon Park

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel. The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. They looked up and saw a star in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.

### **The Sermon** “*He Has Visited and Redeemed His People*” Rev. Ross Hodges

Luke 1:67-79

Advent Sermons

### **\*The Hymn 230** “*Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*” (vv. 1-3)

QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

### **\*The Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

### **Evening Worship**

**5:30 P.M.**

### **The Announcements and Welcome**

### **The Call to Worship**

### **\*The Hymn 223** “*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*” (vv. 1-6)

CHRISTMAS

### **The Invocation**

### **The Public Reading of Scripture** 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

### **Missions Moment**

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **\*The Hymn 318** “*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*” (vv. 1-5)

HOLYWOOD

### **The Sermon**

“*Christmas Terror*”

Rev. Billy Joseph

Acts 1:6-11

### **\*The Hymn 299** “*Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*” (vv. 1-4) CORONAE

### **\*The Benediction**

*“He Has Visited and Redeemed His People”*

Luke 1:67-79

December 25, 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 January 1<sup>st</sup> and no nursery for the evening service tonight or January 1st.**

**Please remember that 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.**

### **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.

### **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 (jbuis@eastwoodschool.org).