SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
"Be still and know that I am God."

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Finance — Eric Goodwin

Prelude "Angels We Have Heard On High" arr. Mallory
Handbell Choir

* Call to Worship

L: You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for us to wake from sleep.
P: For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers.
L: The night is far gone,
the day is near.
P: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.
(based on Romans 13:11-12)

* Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 88
Stanzas 1, 6, & 7

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, always with us:
We confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of the season.
Forgive us, God.
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
We ask you to make us ready for his coming.
Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri No. 581

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

9:00 a.m. Joel, Ally, Charlotte, & Kennedy Morrow
11:00 a.m. Tammy & Phil Darity

Prayer for Children
(Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children's Church)

Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "The Winter Rose" arr. Martin

Scripture Lesson Psalm 38

Sermon — Let God's Children Bow Down — Dr. Seel
III. Bow Down in Repentance

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 144

* Apostles' Creed (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Childers

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 113

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

* Postlude "Go Out With Joy" arr. McDonald

** Congregation Stands*

Please write your request, tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS
The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

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Name and date: (optional)

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(These are kept confidential!)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

We would love a record of your visit. Please fill out the following and place in the offering plate when passed.

_____
Name

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Address

_____
Phone Number

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Email Address

☐ 1st Time Visit

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2023 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

Staying Connected

Church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

December 14, 5:30 pm

Menu:
Chicken Tenders, Sides, Salad, & Dessert

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

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Family Name

$5 for ages 5 years & up
$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals_____
Vegetarian: # of meals_____

You may also sign up on our website: easleypresbyterian.org

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Victoria Rose Brock, Valerie Brock, & Lindsey McAlister

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Janey & Garrett Charles	Megan & Josh Ritchie

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Russell Patterson

DECEMBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greg Lucas, Head	Greg Lucas, Head
Jennifer Graham, Asst.	Michael Baker, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT	VIDEO
John LaBrash	John Franks

Member News

The known hospitalizations this week were Dionne Merritt and Shari Hurne.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Deke Van Wagner and his family in the death of his father, David Van Wagner, who died on December 3, 2022.

Congratulations to Shirley and Louis Shepard who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on December 15.

Congratulations to Alex Price and Van Nibert who were married on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

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Dottie Grantham	John Cutchin	Phil Darity
Meg Jewell	Joel Ledbetter	Dennis Latham
Phil Lyles	Kathy Lyles	Wilma Shealy
Monty Oxendine	Robert Sams	Scott Wilbanks
Chris Robinson		
Billy Waddell		

Diaconate

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Michael Baker	Britt Burnett	Melanie Branham
Lori Brock	Dustin Coats	John Dockery
Jennifer Graham	Lucas Durham	Eric Goodwin
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John LaBrash	Greg Lucas	David Owen
Candice Ledbetter	Melissa Wilbanks	Stephen Roach
Wayne Prins		
Elizabeth Weaver		

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Jack Brock	Dexter Rogers	David Whittemore

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