

TAPESTRY OF L I G H T

A CELTIC
CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION

by Joseph M. Martin



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship

+Please silence cell phones during the worship service+

* = Please stand, if you are able.

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Gloria

arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Keep watch! For the One who brings peace is coming.

People: We wait in anticipation for Christ.

Leader: We wait for God's revealing of joy. Remain alert!

People: Love is coming to dwell among us. Hope draws near.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope. Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy. Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,
to a stable called a nursery,
with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Love.

*HYMN NO. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

(see music and words at the back of the bulletin)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our waiting and preparation,
we come to rest, again, at the foot of the cross. Even in this season of anticipation,
we see the fullness of God's promised redemption in the waters of baptism.

As those who are fully known and redeemed,
we confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children
in need of your wisdom and grace.
Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life.
Our visions of the future depend on our own
hands and ability.
Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control.
Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls.
Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands.
Break into our expectations,
awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Christ's coming is certain. God's promise is true. Trust in the
transformational power of God's forgiveness
and receive the gift of God's love.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 4)

St. Louis

O Ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray. Cast
out our sin and en - ter in. Be born in us to - day. We
hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell. O
come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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PART I

I – CAROLS OF HOPE AND LIGHT

II – AN ADVENT GARDEN

III – O HOLY CHILD OF MARY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As with Gladness Men of Old (vs.3)

Dix

As they _ of - fered gifts most rare at the man - ger rude and bare,
so may _ we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

PH, pg. 16

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.

*HYMN NO. 53

What Child is This?

Greensleeves

(see music and words at the back of the bulletin)

PART 2

IV – A CELTIC NOEL

V – CAROLS OF THE QUEST

VI – A CELTIC GLORIA

WE DEPART FOR SERVICE

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, vs. 6* *Christmas*

All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be
 peace: Good will to all from high - est heaven be - gin and nev - er
 cease! Be - gin and nev - er cease!

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. John Innes

LEADING WORSHIP

The Rev. Joshua D. Gill, Pastor

Randy Yoder, Director of Music

Advent Candlelighters: (9:00) Lori Topper and Tania O’Hearn

(11:00) Wade, Shannon, Danielle and Michael Kapsak

Camera Operators: (9:00) Bob Moore, (11:00) Fred Becker

Musicians:

Lynn Antosh, violin ~ Noah Dekker, violin ~ Adrian Hain, percussion ~

Ashley Kenney, flute ~ Dr. Kenneth Osowski, piano ~

Tim Ruth, cello ~ Ryan Schick, cello



Christmas Eve Services

This year we will be having three Christmas Eve services in order to accommodate a safe number of people for each service due to Covid concerns. We hope you will join us for one of our services.

~ 5 p.m. ~
Family service

~ 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. ~
Traditional Candlelight Service
with Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, December 26, we will celebrate with a service of Lessons and Carols at 11:00 a.m. **For the next two weeks – Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 -- there will only be one service at 11 a.m.**

GOD-SIZED DREAMS -- In November we had a wonderful conversation lead by our own Jason Foess and Bill Wilson of Center for Healthy Churches. We explored the idea of a God-Sized Dream. We said that a God-Sized Dream is an Affirmative Statement, that is Stretching, that Requires Change, and is grounded in our DNA and Context. Maybe you have been pondering a God-Sized dream over the last few weeks or maybe you are thinking about a new one. You can submit a God-Sized Dream to the Vision Team by placing one in the box located in the back of the sanctuary. Happy Dreaming!

CRAFT SALE –Presbyterian Women have decorated the Haines House, and as part of that, the knitters have decided to hold a sale of their many craft items. Items will be resupplied as they become available. All purchases will be done on an honor system and by donation. Proceeds from the sale will go toward their knitting supplies.

GROCERY CARDS -- It has been a quick and busy month, so a FYI reminder, next Sunday the 26th will be the last day to order your grocery cards for January. A Blessed Happy New Year to everyone.

SODA TAB COLLECTORS -- Just a short reminder to keep saving those soda tabs during your holiday get togethers. Containers are in the fellowship hall and the multipurpose room. We are adding 3 pounds 7 ounces to our total for the year of 30 pounds. Also, a big THANK YOU to those who donated so far.



What is the meaning of the blue banners in the sanctuary?

Advent is a time of anticipation, waiting and longing for the arrival of the Messiah. Isaiah, the prophet spoke of the people that walked in darkness for they were longing for their King. Our lives can be dark and hopeless like those dark banners. But as we move through the weeks of Advent, we are reminded again of God's promise fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. The banners become lighter as we focus on that promise of joy and peace and hope, and we too follow that star and walk in the light.





Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

Barbara Blymire

The Family and friends of Donald Brown

Peggy Deming

Marilyn DiCola

Jim May

Cynthia Reichard

Janet Sweigert

Ruth Welty

Linda Williams

If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer list, please first obtain that person's permission and then drop a note in the offering plate, or contact Beth Anne by e-mail at epcyorkoffice@gmail.com or phone 717-755-6222.

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
 *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 53

What Child is This?

Greensleeves

Em D G D Em Am B

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Em D G D Em Am B Emsus4 Em

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Emsus4 Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2021

The Sean Barba Family (1)	In loving memory of Sean's mother, Corie Barba
Robin Blakely (2)	In honor of my daughter, Molly Blakely, and in memory of my mother, Jane Ann Emig
Glenn and Debbie Bloss (2)	In honor of our parents
Robert B. Casbeer (2)	In honor of Beth C. Magid and Susan C. Holtzapple
Nancy Edwards (2)	In memory of loved ones
V. Yvonne Eichelberger (1)	In memory of my husband, Howard, and children, Craig and Brian
Sally Frey (1)	In honor of our 4 grandchildren
Tom and Sally Glover (1)	In memory of our son, Thomas M. Glover
Richard Gordon (2)	In memory of Janet Gordon and Chris Gordon
Ellen Graham (3)	In memory of my parents, Harry and Doris Graham, and my sister, Eileen Graham
JoAnn Hankey (1)	In memory of my family in heaven
Jane and John Henty (2)	In memory of our parents, Mildred and Clifford Henty, and Gordon and Lucy Persons
Gary and Barbara Hess (1)	In memory of our grandson, Shane Dorsey
Elaine Hoenstine (3)	In honor of my 3 children, Bob, Tammy and Dave, and my 3 grandchildren, Steven, Amy and Kiel, and in memory of my loving husband, Bob

Sandra and Gary Hoffman (2)	In honor of our family and our church family
Foster and Dee Hoyt (6)	In honor of our children, Jennifer and David Mayer, Vickie McClure, and granddaughters, Christina and Amber McClure, and in memory of Donald, Judy, and Norman Hoyt
Becky Husson (1)	In memory of Clarence Husson
Marilyn Jennerjohn (1)	In memory of my husband, Fred
Lori Koontz (1)	In memory of Jim and Joyce Koontz
Edna Lightner (2)	In honor of my great grandchildren, Lena and Tyler
Graham and Lynda MacMillan (1)	In memory of our son, Joe
Beth Magid (2)	In honor of Robert Casbeer and in memory of Emma K. Casbeer
Donna Massey (2)	In memory of Rick Massey and Amy Massey
Beverly McCreary (1)	In memory of loved ones
David C. McIntosh (2)	In memory of Marjorie R. McIntosh
Bill and Lois Moore (2)	In honor of our family and in memory of our parents
Wade and Linda Pugh (2)	In memory of Linda's sister, Patricia C. Valentino
Ed and Connie Ritter (2)	In honor of our children and grandchildren
Carol Schaeffer and Louise Snyder (1)	In memory of our parents, William and Amanda Galligher

Bob and Jackie Smith (2)	In memory of departed loved ones
Bob and Jackie Smith (1)	In memory of Jack Welty
Kate Strickler (1)	In loving memory of my husband, Bob
Charles H. Wellington (1)	In memory of John S. and Margaret T. Wellington
Ruth Welty (1)	In memory of Jack Welty
Kaila Wise (2)	In memory of Phyllis and Ethan Wise with love from Jeff Wise and family, and Vicki Babin and family, and Steven and great grandson Jacob
Dick and Jan Witzke (1)	In honor of our great granddaughter, Annabelle

*Thank you to all who contributed poinsettias to grace our sanctuary.
Your flowers may be removed after this Christmas Eve service.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Please see our website, eastminster-york.org, for possible updates and changes.

Sun Dec 19	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
		Children's Sunday School – Room 13
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – Library
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cantata/Worship – Sanctuary
Mon Dec 20	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Preschool/LIU – Room 13
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Session – MPR
Tue Dec 21	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Preschool/LIU – Room 13
	11:45-1:45	Staff Christmas Luncheon
Wed Dec 22	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cool Knitting/Warm Fellowship – Haines Reception Room
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thur Dec 23		Preschool Closed until 1/3/22
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Team – MPR
Fri Dec 24		Church Offices Closed
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Service -- Sanctuary
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion
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Sat Dec 25		Merry Christmas!

MPR = Multipurpose Room



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