

Jubilee Worship
First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Andrews/Sooter

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

David and Tiffany Beitz, Zachary and Nicholas

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

O Come All You Unfaithful

Kafulin/Clow

After the song, children may be dismissed to Children's Church

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 64:1-9

SERMON

"Yet, O Lord,..."

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF OFFERING

Here Comes Heaven

Furtick/Brown/Robertson

TIME OF OFFERING

Officer's Prayer: Amy Teas

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

God With Us

Ingram/Jordan

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Those who are able, please stand*

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power, and purpose among us.

(Please see reverse for Announcements)

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Prayer Cards are Available in our Welcome Centers: You can pick up a Prayer Card to pray for members. Contact Rev. Emily Mooneyhan to add a member to the prayer list.

Mall to Manger Challenge Begins Today through Christmas Eve: Make a donation in honor of a loved one. Please include "M2M" in the memo line of your check. Mall to Manger Cards are available in the Welcome Centers. All proceeds go to purchasing Bibles for children in need through the Salvation Army.

Today is the last day to RSVP for EPW's Holiday Social on December 10: All ladies of EPC are invited for a time of fellowship between 3 pm and 5 pm at the Oliver's home. Shuttles will run throughout the event from the upper Medway lot. To RSVP and for details, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/epw-holidaysocial/.

ECAMP for Children Meets from 5 pm to 6:30 pm: Tonight's rehearsal focuses on Christmas Eve worship, so all singers should plan to attend. Drop-off and pick-up in the Sanctuary, and dinner is included.

Embracing Hospitality Advent Bible Study Continues Wednesday: From 12 pm -1 pm in Thompson Hall, bring your lunch and explore a Biblical approach to using your home to care for others this Advent season. Dr. Ben Sloan will lead this study through December 13.

Giving for Homeless No More Outreach: Help families experiencing homelessness by volunteering at the Holiday Shop on December 11. For more information, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/homeless-no-more-outreach/.

Dedicate a Poinsettia to Help Decorate Eastminster for Christmas: Pick up a form in the Welcome Centers and return it with your dedication to Julie McDaniel's attention by December 6, or you can complete a form online at: eastminsterpres.org/events/poinsettia-dedications/.

Children's Gingerbread House Decorating Party is December 13: Families are invited to join Pastor Croskeys in the CLC-Gym between 5pm and 7pm for pizza and a time of decorating and fellowship. Please bring \$25/1 per family and pay at the door.

Carols and Keyboards Dinner and Concert is December 14: Enjoy the sounds of the season featuring 18 hands on pianos and the EPC Chancel Choir. A delicious meal will be served in Thompson Hall prior at 5:45 pm. To RSVP for the meal, visit eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/.

Lessons and Carols is December 17 in the Sanctuary: Get in the Christmas spirit by joining us for worship at 9 am or 11:15 am for holiday hymns.

Blue Christmas Service is December 17 (Adult Reception Hall - ARH): If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited for a time of prayer and communion at 4 pm. Bring a friend or neighbor who may benefit.

EPC's Living Nativity is December 17: Join us in the Courtyard for one of three shows (5 pm, 6 pm, or 7 pm). A host of little angels, wise men, livestock, and Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus will grace our new stable. Don't miss it!

Seniors Christmas Drop-in is December 19 (ARH): Stop by between 10 am and 12 pm for Christmas Cheer, music, and fellowship with Eastminster friends.

Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary: Join us on Christmas Eve morning for one blended worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary (no Sunday School) and in the evening for worship at 5 pm, 7pm, or 9 pm.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 4)	374
Prior Year Pledge Totals: (Week 4)	345