

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
December 3, 2017  
9:00 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

Prelude “Angels We Have Heard On High” arr. Mallory

\* Call to Worship

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

**People: My soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**People: And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

(Psalm 130)

\* Hymn “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” No. 97

\* Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have not kept watch for you.  
We have occupied ourselves with our own  
concerns.**

**We have not waited to find your will for us.  
We have not noticed the needs of the people  
around us.**

**We have not acknowledged the love that has  
been shown to us.**

**Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.  
Help us to wait for your will.**

**Help us to look out for the needs of others.  
Help us to work and watch for your coming.  
Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* 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.**

**God Gives to Us Through His Word**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle  
Matt and Sally Boozer, Caroline

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-6

Prayer

Leader: God of hope, who brought love into the world,

**People: Be the love that dwells between us.**

Leader: God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

**People: Be the peace that dwells between us.**

Leader: God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

**People: Be the joy that dwells between us. Amen.**

Musical Response: (all)

*(Sung to the tune of “Angels From the Realms of Glory”)*

**Prophets call out in the darkness:**

**“Make a way for Christ this day;”**

**For the long-awaited Savior**

**Is the Truth, the Life, the Way.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,**

**Worship Christ the newborn King.**

Prayer with Children  
*(Three-Year-Olds to 1st Graders may leave for Children’s Church)*

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 1:1-4, 12-18

Sermon The Visions of Isaiah Dr. Seel  
“Wash Yourselves”

**We Respond to God’s Word**

\* Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

No. 581

Prayers of the People and the 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 “Coventry Carol” arr. Dobrinski

\* 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 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” No. 146

\* 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.  
(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir)*

\* Postlude “Silent Night” arr. Norris  
String Quartet

\* 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.

Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

**Publication Deadlines**

**Weekly Bulletin**

Tuesdays by noon.

Send information to:

[jonene@easleypresbyterian.org](mailto:jonene@easleypresbyterian.org)

**Quarterly Newsletter**

Send information to:

[cynde@easleypresbyterian.org](mailto:cynde@easleypresbyterian.org)

**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.

**NEW INFORMATION?**

If you or your family have moved, dropped your land phone line and just use your cell number, or have changed your e-mail address (at home or work), please let the Church Office know.

**EPC NURSERY STAFF**  
Sherry Erickson      Lauren Machen

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS TODAY**  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**      **11:00 a.m. Worship**  
Ellen Young      Joanna Griese

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
(3-Year-Olds—1st Grade)

**9:00 a.m. Worship**      **11:00 a.m. Worship**  
Ginna Lister      Laura & Eric Anthony

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**  
Dan Nunnery

**TODAY'S GREETERS**  
**9:00 a.m.**      **10:00 a.m.**      **11:00 a.m.**  
Julie Bishop      Kelvin Kears      Chris Robinson  
Terri French

**DECEMBER USHERS**  
**9:00 a.m.**      **11:00 a.m.**  
Steve Lewis, Head      Heidi Roach, Head  
Chris Stover, Asst.      Mary Crittendon, Asst.  
Rett Lister      Stephen Roach  
Greg Lucas      Olivia Roach

**SOUND & LIGHT**  
**9:00 a.m.**      **11:00 a.m.**  
Mary Crittendon      Robert Sams

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation**

**December 6, 5:30 p.m.**

**Baked Potato, Chili, & Salad Bar**

Prepared by: *Chuck Dawkins*  
Servers: *Will Young*  
*Dennis Latham*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals \_\_\_\_\_

**5 years and up: \$5**  
**Family Cap: \$25**

**Reservation deadline is by 12:00 noon on Mondays!!! You may call Cynde at 859-4220 or sign up online.**

**Member News**

The known hospitalization this week was Betty Melton.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Cynthia Waddell and family in the death of her father, James White of Laurens, SC, who died on November 28, 2017.

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