

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Lessons and Carols Worship Services are today in the Jubilee service, and December 18 in the Sanctuary.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 18 at the conclusion of 11:15 am worship for two purposes: 1) to act on the Rev. Brian Marsh's request for dissolution of his call and 2) to act on the Officer Nominating Committee's recommendation that Jeff Thordahl be elected as an Elder for the class of 2025 to fill a vacancy.

Join us today for a Reception Honoring the Marsh Family: Following 11:15 am worship, gather in the Gym to celebrate the Marsh Family as they prepare to move to North Carolina where Brian will be pastoring a church. If you'd like to contribute to the Farewell Offering honoring Rev. Brian Marsh, visit the "Give" page of the website; contributions can be made through December 30, 2022.

Young Adult Sunday School and Social: This morning and next Sunday, December 18, Young Adults will gather in the Adult Reception Hall at 10 am for fellowship and discussion. There will also be a Young Adult Social at Casa Linda on December 18 (after the 6 pm Living Nativity performance) at 7:30 pm. See you there!

The Longest Night Peace Service is today at 4 pm (Adult Reception Hall): Join us for this service of hope and light as we gather quietly before God in prayer and remember those we've lost. The Peace Service is a Communion Service on the second Sunday of every other month.

Grief Share Group Meets tonight and December 18 at 6 pm (Room 357 - Education Building): This Congregational Care and Concern group will meet to give support and comfort for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one during the holidays. Dr. Ben Sloan will lead our discussions.

Middle and High School Christmas Parties are Tonight (5 pm - 6:30 pm): Middle Schoolers should meet in the Arts & Crafts Room (CLC - 3rd Floor), and High Schoolers will be in Thompson Hall.

EPW's Joy Gift Social is this Tuesday, December 13, in Thompson Hall (11:30 am - 1:30 pm): Join us for this annual event where we gather in fellowship and benevolence as we collect monetary donations for the Women's Shelter.

Gingerbread House Drop-in (Babies - 5th grade) is this Wednesday, December 14: Meet Croskeys in the Gym anytime from 5 pm - 7 pm. We'll enjoy pizza and fellowship as we build our houses (\$20/one per family). Bring a canned good for Harvest Hope.

Transitions Third Thursday is this week, December 15: Donations of pound cakes, pasta salad, and clementines (*December only*) need to be delivered to the Church Staff Kitchen by 4 pm. Servers should meet at Transitions at 5 pm. To help with Christmas Day Lunch at Transitions, please contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

Living Nativity is December 18 at 5 pm, 6 pm, & 7 pm (Courtyard): Our annual petting zoo makes these three shows lively and fun each year. Contact Croskeys Royall (croyall@eastminsterpres.org) if you'd like to help. Young Adults are encouraged to attend the 6 pm performance followed by dinner with Pastor Nick.

Socks in a Box Meets Undies for Sundays: Learning Differences Ministry is collecting socks and underwear at designated spaces now through January 8. Contact Andrea Ferree (aferrree@eastminsterpres.org) or Alyssa Good (alyssagood@live.com) with questions.

Mall to Manger Challenge Cards Are Available in our Welcome Centers: Pick up cards and give as gifts this year. Donations go to Meals on Wheels. Please write "M2M" on the memo line of your check.

Unison Reading: Luke 1:5-7

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

SERMON NOTES

Pledge Status Report as of December 5, 2022

Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet pledged, please join us in pledging to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2023.

186 Pledges Increased

89 Pledges With No Change

38 Pledges Decreased

42 New Pledges

For a total of 355 pledges totaling \$3,047,800

128 Pledges were made for 2022, but not yet for 2023

DEACONS: CHARLIE MIMMS AND TERESA SHELTON
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (11:15 AM)
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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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