

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 26th

8:40 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

Monday, December 27th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28th

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 29th

8:00 am Walking Club (offsite)
11:15 am Intercessory Prayer (Prayer rm)
6:30 pm Sisters of Grace Study (164)

Thursday, December 30th

6:00 pm The Gathering Worship Team Rehearsal (Kerr)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 31st

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 1st

8:30 am HS Love Wins Breakfast (offsite)

***E-vites*...A Four-week Sermon Series Starting January 9th**

A recent study found that **82** percent of people who don't go to church would be somewhat likely to go if invited; however, only **2** percent of people who do go to church have actually ever invited someone. In what percentage are you? In our upcoming January sermon series entitled ***E-vites***, we are challenging this church family to be radically invitational in inviting others. Most of us know what it's like to have our lives transformed from pointless to purpose-filled, and from vagueness to value because of an encounter with the Risen Lord. So maybe the new year is a perfect time for us to invite others to encounter a God who'll do the same for them? Whether you know folks who are restless or hurting, lonely or lost, full of questions or looking for a home, let a friend know there's a place for them at Edenton Street.

Its never too late to join the Music and Worship Arts Ministries

Team. With opportunities in music, choirs, dance, instruments, and handbells for all ages of ***Children, Youth, and Adults***. Make this one of your 2011 New Year's resolutions. All music programs will start back on Sunday, January 9th. Please call Bill Weisser or Josh Dumbleton to find out how ***YOU*** can get involved.

Edward F. "Ned" Hill, II, Senior Pastor
Matthew R. Ashburn, Pastor of Caring Ministries
Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries
William J. Weisser, Minister of Music

Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 26, 2010

As the community gathers, we respectfully request that you enter into a time of silent preparation for worship. May the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God. The chancel area is open for prayer before the service and during the last hymn.

The Prelude *O Holy Night* Adam
April Dannelly, cello, and Josh Dumbleton, organ

The Greeting Rev. Yebuah

The Announcements for the Morning

The Introit *The Word Became Flesh* Weisser

The Call to Worship

Minister: All God's people - Boys and girls, women and men:
People: Come and worship!
Minister: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:
People: Come and worship!
Minister: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:
All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Processional Hymn 220 *Angels From the Realms of Glory* Montgomery
Tune: Regent Square Smart

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Hill

When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord. When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel, have mercy on us, Father. When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching, let your grace consume us, O God. When the wars around us are of no concern, forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer. When our caring is not extended to action, move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters. We come to confess our sinfulness before you and before each other. Amen.

The Time of Silent Prayer

The Words of Assurance and Pardon

Minister: The Lord's grace is sure. God has looked with favor upon his people and has redeemed them. God has raised up a mighty savior from the house of David. God spoke through the prophets of old so that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. God has shown mercy and has remembered his promises. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Anthem *Now Let Your Servant Go* arr. Buchanan
** Chancel Choir Ensemble D * Chancel Choir
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* The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Rev. Hill, Rev. Ashburn, Pg. 39, Hymnal
Robert Harris Leliever, son of Andrew and Rhonda Leliever

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ashburn

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *Love Came Down at Christmas*
Irish Melody/ arr. Evans
** Chancel Choir Ensemble D * Chancel Choir

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas; star and angles gave the sign. Worship we the God-head, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign? Love shall be our token; love be yours, and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign. (Words of Christina G. Rossetti, 1885)

+The Doxology 95

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.

The children may gather at the chancel rail during the singing of the doxology for the Children's Lesson. There is no Wiggler Worship this morning. Children will rejoin their parents in the pews.

The Lesson for the Children Mrs. Holloway

+The Gospel Lesson Luke 2:22-32 Pg. 55 NT, Pew Bible

+The Hymn *Now Let Your Servant Go* (Luke 2:29-32)
(see back page)

The Sermon MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Rev. Bates

+The Hymn 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Brooks
Tune: St. Louis Redner

+The Affirmation of Faith 881 Rev. Hill

+The Gloria Patri 71

+The Benediction Rev. Bates
+The Choral Response *Almighty God* Elmore

The Sending Forth of the Cross and the Light of Christ into the World
The Chimes - In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

+The Postlude *We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light* arr. Behnke
(Psalm 27)

+ Please stand, if able. ** 8:40 * 10:55

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** Eliza Krause, Benjamin Lockhart, Sally Cummings

* John Woods, Jim Woods, Cameron Reese

Liturgists: Edward F. Hill, II, Lisa N. Yebuah, Matthew R. Ashburn

Preacher: Sally G. Bates

Minister of Music: William J. Weisser

Director of Christian Programming: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton

Pianists: ** Ray Starling * Pam Dannelly with April Dannelly, cello

Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning! We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Let us know who you are by signing our Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Please receive your gift on the Information Table in the belltower after the service. For information concerning membership or ministries, please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 832-7535 ext. 350 or jowen@esumc.org.

Door Step Ministry Fund - The Door Step Ministry Fund is in need of contributions at this time of year. If you can give to this fund that is used daily at the church, please do, and mark your donation Door Step Ministry.

Parents, Students, and Leaders are invited to attend Experience eStreet Youth 2011 on January 9th, from 6:30-8 pm in Kerr Hall. Dinner will be provided. Spring and summer dates will be announced and registration opens. Don't miss the most important youth meeting of the next 6 months!

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