

# Upcoming Events/Services

*"Sing We Now of Christmas"*

**TODAY at 6:30 PM, EDCC Sanctuary**



*A concert of seasonal favorites presented by  
EDCC Chancel Choir, Soloists & Children's Choir  
Two pianos, organ, violin, cello, percussion & handbells*

*A gingerbread/hot cider reception follows.*

*Admission is free with donations to the EDCC Concert Series accepted.  
No reservation required.*

*Come hear the joyful sounds of Christmas in the beautiful Sanctuary of EDCC.*

## *Christmas Eve Services*

**Friday, December 24 ♦ 5:30 & 11:00 PM, Sanctuary**

*Lesson & Carols by Candlelight with Chancel Choir & Festive Brass  
Childcare is available only for the 5:30 pm service*

**One Service ONLY on Sunday, Dec. 26th  
10:50 AM, Sanctuary**

***Elders and Deacons Orientation***  
**Sunday, January 9 after church**

***2011 Board Orientation***  
**Monday, January 10 ♦ 6:00 PM, Great Hall**

### **EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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**EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the U.S. and Canada

## **OPPORTUNITIES AT EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

### **Regular at EDCC**

- ♦ **Elder's Prayer Breakfast** - Tuesdays (7 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ♦ **Praise Team Practice** - Tuesdays (6 p.m., Alexander's Stage)
- ♦ **Bible Study** - Wednesdays (10 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ♦ **Staff Meeting** - Mondays, 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. (Disciples Room)
- ♦ **Financial Peace University (FPU) Classes** - Wednesdays (6 p.m., Great Hall)

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Communion, Chapel**
- 9:30 a.m. Table Worship, Alexander's Stage**  
Church School Classes for All Ages
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:50 a.m. Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**
- 12:15 p.m. Lay Training Committee, Youth Room**
- 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal in Choir Suite for Concert
- 6:30 p.m. Sing We Now of Christmas Concert, Sanctuary**

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

- 6:00 p.m. No Praise Team Practice today**

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, Great Hall

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary**
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- 8:30 a.m. No Chapel Service today**
- 9:30 a.m. No Table Worship Service today**
- 10:10 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:50 a.m. Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**
- 12:15 p.m. No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

### **EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH STAFF**

<b>Rev. Deborah Morgan</b> Senior Minister	<b>Rev. Nathan Hill</b> Minister of Church Life	<b>Keith Critcher</b> Minister of Music & Worship
<b>Janie Autz</b> Director of Outreach Ministry	<b>Rev. Micah James</b> Minister of Youth	<b>Rev. Patricia Maples</b> Parish Wellness Minister
<b>Raymond Tolentino</b> Business Administrator	<b>Peggy McCurdy</b> Program Director	<b>Joshua George</b> Office Manager
<b>Michael Plantz</b> Organist	<b>Courtney Morgan</b> Building Superintendent	<b>Phoebe Gonzalez</b> Head Custodian
<b>Damaso Luna</b> (Security)	<b>Mirtha Marchan, Karla Ibarra &amp; Maria Chavez</b> (Nursery)	



## **EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**December 19, 2010  
10:50 A.M.**

### **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**The Gathering: Welcome & Fellowship** Keith Critcher

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Proclamation to Worship** Chancel Choir  
"AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN"  
TUNE: REJOICE, REJOICE

**Prelude** Organist, Michael Plantz  
"GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN"  
arr. Alfred Fedak

**Acolytes and Ministers Process**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Choir: Come and Worship**  
One: We come from a world of darkness  
**All: Into Christ's world of light.**  
One: We come from a world of weariness  
**All: Into God's strength and hope.**  
One: We come from a slumbering world.  
**All: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls  
and watch for the coming of Christ.**  
**Choir: Come and Worship**

**\*Hymn of Praise** Hymn 149  
"ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"  
TUNE: REGENT SQUARE

**\*Invocation** Rev. Micah James

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallow'd 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*\*Those who are able, please stand.  
(Nursery is available for children 3 & under)*

**Prayer Response** Hymn 148  
"O COME LET US ADORE HIM" Refrain Only  
TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Nick and Micah James  
Scripture LUKE 2:13-16a

**Children's Moment** Keith Critcher  
*Children's church is a ministry for children 3 years old through 5th grade.  
Children will begin morning worship with their families in the Sanctuary  
until they are called forward for the Children's Sermon.  
They are led to Children's Church, located in the Education Hallway.*

**Choral Anthem** Children's Choir & Chancel Choir  
"TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" Soloist, Natalie Mitchell  
Arranged by Joseph Martin

*"Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*He's got the whole world in His hands.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
He's got the whole world in His hands!"*

**Sermon** Rev. Deborah Morgan  
"ADVENT URGENCY"

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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**\*Invitation to Christian Life** Hymn 144  
"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" Stanzas 1 & 4  
TUNE: ST. LOUIS

**Sharing Our Gifts**  
**Joys and Concerns** Rev. Nathan Hill  
**Prayers of the People**  
**Organ Interlude (Deacons move to serve)**

**Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings**  
*Along with your financial gifts, please place the  
attendance card in the offering tray as it is passed to you.*

**Offertory** Pianists, Akiko Nakahara & Keith Critcher  
"JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING"  
J.S. Bach

**\*Congregational Response** Hymn 134  
"EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL"  
TUNE: MCGEE

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

**\*Prayer of Consecration** Rev. Nathan Hill

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## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

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**Communion Hymn** Hymn 161  
Stanzas 1 & 4 Soloist, Becca Mitchell  
Congregation: Stanzas 2 & 3  
"I WONDER AS I WANDER"  
TUNE: I WONDER AS I WANDER

**Words of Institution** Nancy Stalcup

**Elder's Blessing of the Bread** Daniel Wells

**Elder's Blessing of the Cup** Mike Voigt

**Sharing of the Elements**  
*We invite all who love Jesus Christ to share this meal.  
Partake of both bread and cup as they are passed to you.  
Place the cup back in the tray before passing it to your neighbor.  
Please make these moments a time of prayerful confession and forgiveness.*

**Words of Going Forth** Rev. Deborah Morgan

**\*Congregational Benediction** Hymn 167  
"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" Refrain Only

**Postlude** Organist, Michael Plantz  
"JOY TO THE WORLD"  
arr. Albert Travis



### WANT TO JOIN EAST DALLAS?

You can become a part of East Dallas Christian Church in three ways:

(1) If you've never accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, come to the front of the Sanctuary during the Invitation to Christian Life Hymn and make your confession of faith in Him. We will schedule your baptism at the earliest opportunity.

(2) If you are already a Christian and would like to join with us here, come to the front during the Invitation and we will receive you into membership.

(3) If you want to maintain your ties to your former Church, come to the front during the Invitation and we will welcome you as an Associate Member.

If you are shy (we love shy people, too!) See one of our Pastors after the service.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Each Tuesday from 7-9 a.m., a group of EDCC elders gathers for prayer.  
From wherever you may be during this time period, the elders  
invite you to join them in prayer, using this prayer list or your own.*

### JOYS

#### Celebrating and giving thanks for:

- All the world's youth, represented by Frank Hartman
- Our young adults away at college or in town, including Mariah Glasener
- Dedication of Hunter Lee Banks with all his family present. What a glorious occasion!
- A full week of Advent and Christmas activities:
  - ◆ The eloquence of Rev. Deborah's traditional "Service of Remembrance" and Matt Woodbury's music
  - ◆ Christmas dinner on Wednesday was delicious and Linda & Larry Petty's entertainment joyful and fun. As always, Peggy's decorations put us in the spirit
  - ◆ What a party! Disciples Women Open House and Brunch at Mary Jean's house—new and old friends got together for great food and Christmas visions everywhere you looked
  - ◆ The Youth Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon included a special time for bringing gifts and cheer to Fowler residents—much appreciated!
  - ◆ Many of us enjoyed ELM's annual Christmas program honoring volunteers plus homemade food provided by students
- Sunday's annual congregational meeting included election of officers and chair persons for 2011 plus a review of the activities and accomplishments of the year now ending. Thanks, Board, for a great year and for the comprehensive Annual Report delivered by President Tom Grounds!
- Steven Washington's new apartment.
- The engagement of Emily Somers-Clark to Cory Eloff.
- John Kilpatrick now back home
- Results of the Stewardship Campaign exceeding last year.
- 38 boxes filled for Mike's Kids
- Generous response for the Angel Tree families

### CONCERNS

#### Pray for those in our Church Family:

- Family and friends of Emily Hanson
- Family and friends of Dorothy Koutnik
- Family and friends of Ed Bentley
- Margaret Parker
- Malinda Kocks and son Jared Kocks
- Linda Kirk
- Gloria Sneider
- Betty Counts
- Cathy Doyle
- Jean Bainbridge
- Jennifer Howell
- Bonnie Yates
- Sam Holmes
- Karen Hill

#### Pray for those Outside our Congregation:

- Special prayers for our neighborhood
- Melinda Lundy
- Larry Kelly
- Family of Dan Asbill, Wes Sanders' stepbrother
- Margarete Hudson, sister of Donna Robins
- Michael Ortega
- Erin Schmitt
- Ohouha family
- Linda Duarte

#### Pray for Ongoing Concerns in our Congregation, including:

- Martha Hanson

#### Pray for Ongoing Concerns Outside Our Congregation, including:

- Bob Parker

#### Pray for those Serving in the Military, especially:

- Robert Magairy

#### Pray for our Limited Activity Members, including:

- Oleta Willard

#### Pray for our Ministries, including:

- Mike's Kids and the Angel Tree

#### Pray for our Committees and Departments at work, including:

- Property Department