

*December 21, 2014*



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*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

*John 3:16*

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# Welcome to Eastport United Methodist Church

where we share our experiences of God's Kingdom with all,  
through our faith, love, fellowship, and service.

Our vision is to have everyone actively involved in worship that enriches,  
ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

*Please turn off your cell phones.*

**Gathering Music**

*Angel Glory*

Heavenly Bells

A medley of carols; arr: Kevin McChesney

**Welcome**

**\*Processional Hymn**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234

**Lighting of Advent Candle 4**

Kathleen & Dylan Liedy

Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.**

**As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.**

**Show us the creative power of hope.**

**Teach us the peace that comes from justice.**

**Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.**

**Magnify your love within us.**

**Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,**

**That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

**Sung Response:**

**We wait in Hope for the morning light,**

**for the Peace of Christ to illuminate the night.**

**We wait with Joy for the Savior's birth,**

**we prepare with Love for peace on earth.**

**Children's Time**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Cantata**                      *Savior of the Nations, Come*                      The Wesleyan Choir  
   Michael Burkhardt                      Dr. Lester Green, organist  
   *featuring*  
   The Clipper City Brass Quintet and The Heavenly Bells

**\*Carol**                                      *Joy to the World*                                      UMH 246

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY COMMUNION with OFFERTORY

**The Great Thanksgiving**                                      UMH 9  
**Communion Hymns**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      Ring 4 Joy  
   *French Melody, arr. by Patricia A. Sanders*

**Holy Communion** *by the ancient method of intinction, dipping the bread in the cup.*

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief*

**\*Doxology**                                      *What Child is This, v. 3*                                      UMH 219

**Offertory Prayer**

### **\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn**                                      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, v.1,2*                                      UMH 211

**\*Blessing**

Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge  
That God is always coming into the world.

**We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger,  
But in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.**

May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others;

May the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

**We will welcome the challenge of discipleship.**

**We will offer ourselves as God's ministers.**

**We will go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.**

**Postlude**                                      *Deck the Halls*                                      **Clipper City Brass Quintet**

Brent Flinchbaugh, trumpet; Chris Shiley, trumpet;  
David Smith, French horn; Peter Francis, trombone; Seth Horner, tuba.

## OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### Thanksgiving

THE PROMISE OF OUR SAVIOR

### State, Country & World

HOPE, JOY, PEACE, LOVE

### Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway,  
Becky Dobrick, Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen  
Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



### December Prayer List\*\*

\*\*A new list will start on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call/email the church office.



**Chris Barrett** (Sally Hight's brother)  
**Catherine McCauley** (Barbara Nutwell's aunt)  
**Joyce Owens** (friend of Barbara Nutwell)  
**Lew Mason** (the Councells' friend)  
**Pat Aldersley** (member)  
**Ernie Schultz** (member)  
**Lee Barrow-Jones** (friend of JoAnn Kulesza)

**Donna Hill** (Kevin Hight's co-worker)  
**David Clark** (Amanda Owen's cousin)  
**Charles Brown** (Lesley's extended family)  
**Dawn Blatney-Lough** (Sherrie Little's cousin)  
**Ethan Wudyka** (friend of the Conleys)  
**The U.S. Military** (Berlyn Wheeler)

### Birthdays this Week

Dec 21 Michelle Anderson, Brian Duckett  
Dec 22 Audrey Howard  
Dec 23 Edna Catterton, Margaret Terry, Ryleigh South, Ryland Standiford  
Dec 24 Scott Bailey  
Dec 25 Chris Pulley  
Dec 27 Lorraine Crouch

### Anniversaries this Week

Dec 27 Donna & Bob McWilliams  
Dec 29 Joyce & Bo Chesney



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 22	Heavenly Bells 7pm; UMM Prayer and Pizza Fellowship –7 p.m.
Tue, Dec 23	Homework and Reading 4pm;
Wed, Dec 24	Christmas Eve services (see listing below)
Thu, Dec 25	A Holy & Blessed Christmas Day for All

**Christmas Toy Drive** – All gifts should be turned in by today. See Eric Smaridge.  
Thank you.

**Timothy House** gift bags will be delivered this afternoon. See Jackie Cunningham if you can help with the distribution. Thanks.

**There will be New Members Class** that will meet over the course of 4 weeks in January and February. If you would like more information, are interested in this class, and/or becoming a member of Eastport UMC, please contact Pastor Michelle.

In spite of everyone's overwhelming busy-ness right now, we should put out an abbreviated January Spire which would include birthdays etc., thank-you's, pastor's corner, calendar items. Please submit any articles and/or announcements to Eunice Corse as soon as possible.

### *Christmas Eve Services*



6:00 pm – Family Service  
10:00 pm – Music Program  
10:30 pm – Candlelight Service



Please plan to attend the Interfaith New Year's Eve Service. Pre-service music will begin at 6:30, followed by the service at 7:00 pm.



## Lester Green

Since childhood, Lester Green has been winning over audiences with his personality and musical touch. A native of South Carolina, his early music education was in the impromptu Gospel and Spiritual traditions of the African American Church. His first formal piano studies were at age 13 with Phil Frothingham. He later studied extensively with keyboard masters Charles Fugo, Ann Schein, Marian Hahn, and Rita Sloan. A magna cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina, Green went on to attain a Master of Music Degree and Graduate Performance Diploma in Piano from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. He earned a Doctorate of the Musical Arts from the University of Maryland College Park in Collaborative Piano.

Lester Green has demonstrated his versatility and skill in solo, collaborative, and theatrical performances with the esteemed Houston Ebony Opera Guild, Aspen Music Festival, and Heifetz International Institute and Music Festival, with appearances in locations ranging from New York's Carnegie Hall, to Cortona, Italy to Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center. Described as a "natural teacher and musician," Green is much sought after as a collaborative pianist and vocal coach. He has written and arranged music for Gospel choir, and has composed for and collaborated with renowned soprano, Carmen Balthrop. Green is on the faculty of the Heifetz International Music Institute, and has served on the faculties of The Peabody Institute and Morgan State University, Baltimore. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America.

## Clipper City Brass Quintet

Known for its artistry and adventurous programming, Baltimore-based Clipper City Brass Quintet comprises five virtuoso brass players who have performed with some of America's most esteemed orchestras including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New World Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Mid-Atlantic Symphony and the National Philharmonic. Although the quintet regularly performs masterworks of the brass quintet repertoire, the ensemble also enjoys arrangements of popular song, jazz and Dixieland. This varied repertoire spanning the centuries is part of what this quintet is all about – virtuosity and charisma combined with flexibility and accessibility to create artistic and educational performances for listeners of all ages.

**...some of the finest most spectacular music-making anywhere!**  
-Eric Ewazen (Brass Composer)



