



Now the
birth of
**Jesus
Christ**
took place
in this way.

Matthew 1:18, ESV

WORSHIP

December 18, 2022

Welcome

Prayer

Joy to the World

*Hark, The Herald
Angels Sing*

One Day

Communion

Offering

*All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name*

Wonderful

Scripture Reading

John 3:16-21

Mission Team
Presentation

The Lesson

"Jesus' Mission"

*Do You Know My
Jesus*

Family News

*Jesus Is All the
World to Me*

Prayer

HAPPENINGS

TODAY: YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE TREAT'S AT 5:00 PM

LIFE GROUPS WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: DECEMBER 18TH.
PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE BIBLE CLASS BEGINNING AT 9:00 AND AFTER WORSHIP.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS WILL RESUME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES CLASS:
KRISTA TREAT IS TEACHING THE CLASS, "DO YOU EVERY WONDER? BELIEF OR DOUBT."

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 8 - ALL AREA CHURCHES WORSHIP TOGETHER AT EASTERN HILLS.

JANUARY 13-14 - WINTERFEST

FEBRUARY 12 - CHILI COOKOFF AND DESSERT AUCTION FOR MEXICO MISSION TRIP

June 3-10, 2023 - MEXICO VBS MISSION TRIP

FOR THE RECORD

December 11

Worship	128
Life Group	44
Offering	\$ 4,893
Budget	\$ 6,250

M.A.G.I. BOXES UPDATES

The time to pack boxes is drawing near. We are still in need of some items including boys underwear. A list of items needed is on the table in the lobby. Text Renee Cloud at 903-431-0023 and let her know what you have purchased.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

December 18

Song Leader: D. W. McLendon
Welcome & Prayer: Phillip Treat
Communion: David Little
Scripture Reading: L.C. Turner
Closing Prayer: Aven Hook
A/V: Chris Yarberrry, Davlyn Hollingshead

Greeters: Aven & Anita Hook
Nursery: Taya Anderson, Renee Cloud

December 25

Song Leader: Travis Anderson
Welcome & Prayer: Phillip Treat
Communion: Brandon Smith
Scripture Reading: Jim Hartt
Closing Prayer: Sam Palmer
A/V: Terry Cloud, Sheila Little
Greeters: Austin & Lynsey Christmas

Nursery: Donna Lovelace, Wanda Owen

Communion Servers for December

East: Greg Cuiksa, Michael Davidson, Jim Hartt, Don Holderby

West: Paul Hollingshead, Aven Hook, Billy Hydrick, Steve Jones

Preparation: David Little



Celebrating This Week . . .

Dec. 20	Dottie Dennis Damaris Nowell
Dec. 21	Morgan Cameron Renee Cloud Marley Cochran
Dec. 22	Meri Holderby Hughey Weinfurther
Dec. 24	Tanya Davidson Sandy Jones

SANTA CLAUS



The name Santa Claus is the English form of the Dutch name for St. Nicholas Sinterklaas. Though the modern Santa Claus is associated with a world of fantasy, the historical St. Nicholas was a godly man known for his charity and generosity.

Nicholas was born in the 3rd century to wealthy Christian parents in Patara (a harbor city in modern day Turkey). It is said that Nicholas' parents were devout believers who had long prayed for a child. When Nicholas was finally born, they devoted him to God. As an only child, he was raised with great affection and special attention. However, when Nicholas was still a young boy, a plague struck his city, and both of his parents died. Though a loss like this might turn some away from God, it seems to have drawn Nicholas closer to him. The loss of his parent's also seems to have made the boy's heart tender to the suffering of others.

Nicholas was left with a large inheritance and decided that he would use it to honor God. He developed such a good reputation in his region that he was chosen as Archbishop of Myra when he was in his early 20s, an indication that he must have demonstrated wisdom and maturity beyond his years.

There are an overwhelming number of stories regarding Nicholas' generosity, so much so that after his death on December 6, a tradition of gift-giving was begun in his honor. St. Nicholas Day is still observed on December 6 in many countries, but in others, America included, the practices associated with the day were combined with Christmas. It seems natural that a holiday celebrating giving would merge with the birth of Christ, the greatest gift ever given to the world. However, the merger happened to the dismay of many Christian leaders who thought that St. Nicholas drew too much attention away from Christ. In Germany, parents were encouraged to teach their children that the Christ Child was the gift-giver. The name Kriss Kringle is the English form of the German name for Christ Child. Ironically, in America the name Kriss Kringle came to be used synonymously with St. Nicholas, St. Nick, Santa Claus and even the English name Father Christmas.

In Middle Age art, St. Nicholas was typically depicted as a tall, thin, bearded cleric. So how did he evolve into the Santa that we know today in America? Santa's white beard and red suit are actually quite similar to the bishop's vestments worn by the Dutch Sinterklaas. But the "chubby and plump" appearance of America's Santa Claus is generally traced to the 19th century poem "'Twas The Night Before Christmas" – an attempt to create a more friendly image of Santa and assure children that they had (in the words of the poem) "nothing to dread."

Though the modern Santa Claus has devolved into a secularized figure surrounded by fantasy, his image can serve to help us remember the real St. Nicholas, a man who devoted his life to serving God and inspiring others to do the same.

Furthermore, the idea of giving gifts in Santa's name is a useful practice. In essence, when gifts are given in Santa's name, they are given anonymously. Secret generosity is consistent with how St. Nicholas gave gifts, and more importantly it follows Jesus' instruction to let our giving be done in secret. As Jesus said, "Your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."

IN OUR PRAYERS

Meri Holderby fell and is in pain
Joyce Davis
Jean Spencer in rehab at Marshall
Manor Room 5
Sue Lovelace
Alana Moore
Bob Christian
Hunter Wells
Rebecca Thornhill recovering from
back & neck surgery
Benny Evans (chemo)
Russell & Sue Bynum
Mendy Slone
Chester & Sandy Jones
Tanya Davidson

SHUT-INS

Geri Phillips, Mossie Moore, Tina
Ware, Paula Flemng, Foy & Helen
Johnson, Janie Powers, Glenna Lowe,
Lynda McConnell, Jean Spencer, Rilla
Woodruff, Becky Sharp

*Dear Church Family,
Many thanks for the flowers, visits
and prayers both in the hospital and
at home.*
--Bob Christian

SERVICE TIMES

IN-PERSON:

Sunday—Bible Class 9:30,
Worship 10:30,
PM Life Groups
Wednesday Devo & Bible
Classes at 6:30

ONLINE SERVICE

facebook.com/EASTERNHILLSCOC
Watch LIVE on the App or Website
at 10:30 Sunday mornings.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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GIVING

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can also use the app on your phone
or tablet.

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