

Jesus RESTORER OF HOPE Lord of Lords
 THE WORD Holy One
 Bread of Life Master BRANCH
 BRIGHT MORNING STAR ALPHA & OMEGA Teacher
 Dayspring Prince of Peace
 Son of Man COMFORTER
 everLASTING SHILOH Anchor
 FATHER The Almighty Light
 Counselor TRUE VINE of the
 MESSIAH THE LIFE HIGH World
 Giver of Life PRIEST
 & Blessings THE BELOVED
 FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS Shield ROCK
 Mediator Wonderful Counselor
 King of Kings
 The Resurrection The Amen
 Immanuel Servant
 LAMB OF GOD Healer I AM LIVING WATER ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
 Good Shepherd Savior Redeemer
 Advocate The Way, the Truth & the Life

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 10:	9:15 am - Bell Choir Practice 10 am - Service 11:15 am - Choir Practice
Monday, Dec. 11:	7 pm - Trustees' Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 13:	3 pm - Interstate Lobster Meeting, F.H.
Thursday, Dec. 14:	11 am - Bible Study, parlor 12:30 pm - Garden Club Meeting, F.H. 7 pm - Finance Meeting

Do you have a bulletin announcement? Please submit it by Wednesday, 9 am, the week before.
 Email to: adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org. Thank you.



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Sunday Service
December 10, 2017

Welcome to Elijah Kellogg Church! We are glad that you could be with us this morning!

Please let us know how we can be of service to you. Feel free to fill out an information card found in the pew, and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School for young children is provided. Child care for small children is available.

Please join us for our Coffee Hour following the morning service.

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Introit and Quieting our Hearts for Worship

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Isaiah 40

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her penalty is paid.

In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.
 Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Then the glory of God will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

Service

*Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 104 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Sparks/Waterman Family
Hymn 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 1)

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School.
Child care for young children is available.)

First Lesson John 1:19-20, 29-34 Pew Bible, p. 862

Responsive Reading - from Psalm 85

Let me hear what the Lord will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people.

**Surely His salvation is at hand
for those who put their trust in Him.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.
Justice and peace will come together.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before Him
and make a path for His steps.**

Notes & News

Poinsettia and wreath orders are due today! Order form is on opposite page if needed!

Trustees' Meeting, tomorrow Dec. 11, here at 7 pm.

Finance Meeting, here this Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 pm.

Salvation Army "Wish Tree": The Salvation Army "Wish Tree" is on display in Fellowship Hall. On it you will find cards for girls and boys. Each card will show the child's age, toys that the child hopes to receive, and clothing sizes. Don't feel that you need to purchase everything that's listed on the card, but please consider bringing Christmas joy to an area child. **Gifts should be unwrapped and placed under the tree by Sunday, December 17.** Please attach the "wish card" to your gifts. Have fun shopping and thank you for your generosity.

Bible Study meets Thursdays at 11 am in the parlor. Please join us!

Book Group: No meeting in December. January's meeting is here on the 15th at 1 pm. The book choice is *Truman* by David McCullough.

Cribbage meets Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Faith & Family

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Giving a warm blanket is like giving a warm hug! We will be accepting CWS Blankets+ donations until December 17th.

Join us on Music Sunday, December 17th as the Children's Bell Choir plays "Hark, The Her-old Angels Sing".

At this year's Christmas Eve Family service, being held at 10 am on Sunday, Dec. 24th, the children will re-enact the story of Jesus' birth. Come see Christmas through the eyes of Mary in our production of "Mary Remembers" The Bell Choir will conclude the pageant by playing "O, Holy Night".

Help us brighten Beatriz's Christmas! We will be sending her a bountiful envelop filled with Holiday Greetings. Please consider sending her a little note. Cards are available on the Mission's table in Fellowship Hall.

December Food Bank Donation:

Canned Soup



Poinsettias and more... Order 2017

Our Church will be decorated with a grand array of poinsettias and wreaths for the Christmas season. If you wish to donate plants or wreaths to decorate the church, please complete this form and either place in the Flower Committee mailbox or give to a Flower Committee member.

The cost of each poinsettia plant will be \$12.00. Wreaths, which will remain up for the holiday season, will be \$10.00. Checks made payable to Elijah Kellogg Church should be received by **Friday morning, December 10th**. You can pick up your poinsettia in the sanctuary after the Christmas services.

I would like to have _____ plant(s) to beautify the sanctuary.

Poinsettia color choice: Red _____

White _____

Pink _____

No color preference _____

I will donate _____ wreath(s).

Please list in the bulletin as follows:

In loving memory of:

In honor of:

Given by: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

For more information please contact a Flower Committee member:

Linda Gillis, Kay Hunter, Mickey Maidl
Patty O'Brien Carrier, Joan Phillips.

Service

***Gloria Patri 513**

Anthem "Prophets of Old"
(Traditional "Coventry Carol", words by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse arr.)

Second Lesson John 1:35-41 Pew Bible, p. 862

Sermon "What are you looking for? / Come and see."

***Hymn 115 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

Prayers of the People
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

Call to Giving
Offertory
***Doxology 515**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 103 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

***Benediction**

Choral Blessing

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand.

Serving You this Morning

Minister	Rev. John Carson
Christian Education Director	Denise Perry
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Choir Director	Sue Luce
Greeters	Rachel Beane
Ushers	Chris Rose
Reader	Ruth Smith
Nursery Attendants	Susan Ferris
Trustee	Dave Fitzgerald, 324-1811
Hospitality	Hospitality



*The flowers today are
given in loving memory
of Bob Horton
by Blee Horton & Family*

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**7TH ANNUAL
MUSIC SUNDAY**

**Sunday, December 17
10 am**

**Elijah Kellogg Church
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Music and readings to celebrate the season!

**Featuring: The EKC Choir; Liz Cromwell, pianist; with
special guest instrumentalists: Louise Huntington, viola;
Kate Gray, violinist; Wendy McClenahan, flutist.
And the Youth Bell Choir!**

O, COME LET US ADORE HIM!