

Proud to Serve in Worship

	November 29, 2020	December 6, 2020
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	Wade White
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Charles Hall	Barry Blackburn
Assist	Kenneth Jenks	Wade White
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Dismiss Services	Barry Blackburn	Charles Hall

#### Announcements

**Calendar for December – on the table in the foyer**

**Ladies' Holiday Luncheon**-December 12, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Please bring: a side dish, a friend, and a donation to Safe Haven Women's Shelter in Statesboro.

**Save** Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

**Bookmark our Facebook page.** And add

[EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com](mailto:EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com) to your contact list. Brother Paul asks that you simply email him anything you want to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

**Call List**—There are forms on the back table if you want to be added to our call list. If you want a call made, call me or text me and I will make the call and schedule it. 912-667-0519

**Prayer List**—There is a form on the back table to add names to the prayer list.

**Worship Services Online**—Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom. Join us from anywhere in the world online. Subscribe to our You Tube channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OdoHWTNUba\\_av5NqR\\_Vfg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OdoHWTNUba_av5NqR_Vfg)

**Worship Zoom Meetings** – add your email at you will get an email when we have services

## Ellabell Church of Christ

November 22, 2020

Speaking Where The Bible  
Speaks; Silent Where The Bible  
Is Silent

<https://leslieland.com/2009/11/still-loving-the-leftovers-%E2%80%93-in-classic-fashion/>

I can do all  
Things through  
Him Who  
strengthens me.  
-Philippians 4:13

## The Holiday Season

Each year in these United States of America we celebrate the holiday season. There is Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. These times are very festive and filled with joy. Shopping malls are filled and celebratory lights abound. Homes are decorated and children are in a playful mode. We gather primarily with family during these seasons. We will watch some good football games and eat some good food. We talk and laugh together. The temperatures are cooler and our spirits are merry. We give gifts and cards to each other and express our care for one another. The normal grind of forty hour work weeks is set aside and our physical batteries are recharged. Not only can the kids not wait each year for the holidays but the grownups as well!



A gift opens the way  
and ushers the giver  
into the presence  
of the great.  
**Proverbs 18:16**



What if every week was like the holiday season? What if we had this festive atmosphere of happiness, jubilation, and singing in our hearts? It seems to me that heaven will be a lot like the holiday season. There will be no thought of sorrows in heaven because sorrows will not exist. There will be no hunger, thirst, pain, or evil in heaven. The apostle John writes of the mood of heaven saying that God would ***“wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And he that sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said unto me, they are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcomes shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son”*** (Rev. 21:4-7).

Not only the mood but the place itself will be glorious. Again, John writes of heaven saying, ***“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof: and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that makes an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb’s book of life”*** (Rev. 21:22-27).

Lastly, not only will the mood and place be joyous but the environment as well. John writes, ***“And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, and the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever”*** (Rev. 22:1-5).

No greater words of comfort can be found in the annals of human history (I Thess. 4:18). I can think back of some very good holiday seasons. Holiday seasons where I received what I wanted for Christmas and times when I looked around me and experienced love. Though these are joyous times there is no greater joy than what the faithful child of God will experience in heaven. So for now enjoy the time here on earth but know that it just gets better in eternity! The apostle Paul wrote, ***“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand”*** (Phil. 4:4-5).

John C. Robertson

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*Season's Greetings*