

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 December 10, 2023  
 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .  
 "Be still and know that I am God."*

**We Come Before God in Worship**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Finance

Prelude "Deck the Halls" arr. Tucker  
 Adult Handbells

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,  
 and grant us your salvation.

**People: Listen to what the Lord our God says:  
 He promises peace to his people.**

Leader: The Lord will indeed give what is good.  
 Righteousness goes before him  
 and prepares the way for his steps.

**People: May the Lord make his holy face to shine  
 upon us  
 in this time of Advent worship.**

May we see God's face,  
 and so know peace.

(based on Psalms 57 & 85)

\* Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 82

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
 descend to us, we pray.  
 Cast out our sin and enter in;  
 be born in us today.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri

No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth and David Weaver  
 11:00 a.m. Larry and Renee Keese

Prayer for Children  
 (Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children's Church)

**Little ones to Him belong:  
 Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

**God Gives to Us Through His Word**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
 Adult Choir arr. Forrest

Scripture Lesson Zechariah 2:1-5

Sermon The Visions of Zechariah Dr. Seel  
 II. The New Jerusalem

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" No. 104

\* Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of  
 heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only  
 Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under  
 Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He  
 descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
 from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
 thence He shall come to judge the quick and the  
 dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic  
 church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
 sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
 everlasting. Amen.**

Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) Come and Worship Traditional  
 Adult Choir

Prayer of People the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The Holly and the Ivy"  
 Adult Handbells arr. Mockelbust

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Hymn "Love Has Come" No. 110

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.  
 Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.  
 May your peace fill our hearts May we know the love of Jesus  
 By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*

\* Postlude "Regent Square" arr. Hopson

\* Congregation Stands

**Please write your  
 request, tear off this  
 form, fold, and place in  
 the offering plate.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

The Tuesday Morning Prayer  
 Group meets each week at  
 10:00 a.m. to pray for the  
 EPC family and any other  
 special needs.

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Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

**WELCOME TO  
 VISITORS**

If you are visiting today,  
 we would like you to know  
 that it is a privilege to have  
 you with us. It is our hope  
 that you will find a warm  
 welcome and an atmosphere  
 to worship God.

We would love a record of  
 your visit. Please fill out the  
 following and place in the  
 offering plate when passed.

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Phone Number

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Email Address

1st Time Visit

### Christmas Decor

Thank you to all those who decorated the Sanctuary and church so beautifully for Christmas.

Also, a special thank you to Talita Prins for making the beautiful Creche on the Communion Table.

Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

### **Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation December 13, 5:30 pm**

#### **Menu:**

Chili, Potato Bar, Salad, & Dessert

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

#### **Family Name**

\$5 for ages 5 years & up  
\$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian: # of meals \_\_\_\_\_

You may also sign up on our website:  
[easleypresbyterian.org](http://easleypresbyterian.org)

**Deadline is Noon,  
Monday each week.**

### NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock & Sophie Wilson

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.

Janey & Garrett  
Charles

11:00 a.m.

Ginna Lister

### SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Britt Burnett

### DECEMBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Greg Lucas, Head  
Chad Lister, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Greg Lucas, Head  
Brad Wilson, Asst.

### SOUND & LIGHT

Phil Darity

### VIDEO

John Franks

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Phil Darity  
Dennis Latham  
Wilma Shealy  
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