

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday
January 7, 2024
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

Prelude "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" arr. Carter

Call to Worship

* Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" No. 151

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O God, our guide,
who once used a star to lead people to Jesus,
we confess our poor sense of direction.
We let ourselves become confused,
easily distracted, and lose our way.
We fail to follow the signs you provide.
We do not heed the wisdom of your Word.
Forgive our waywardness, O God.
Lead us anew to Christ,
so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.**

* 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.**

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

Scripture Lesson Acts 1:1-11

Sermon The Book of Acts Dr. Seel
I. You Will Be My Witnesses

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" No. 744

* Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Call to Communion (11:00 a.m.) "If You Believe and I Believe"
Adult Choir arr. Bell

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- Invitation
- Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- Words of Institution
- Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup
- Prayer after Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
9:00 a.m. "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" arr. Carter

11:00 a.m. "The Work of Christmas"
Adult Choir arr. Forrest

* 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 "As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 150

* 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 "Star of Wonder" arr. Blake

* *Congregation Stands*

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

**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.

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.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

1st Time Visit

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2024 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

NEW INFORMATION?

If you or your family have moved, dropped your land phone line and just use your cell number, or have changed your e-mail address (at home or work), please let the Church Office know.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation
January 10, 5:30 pm

Menu:

Baked Greek Chicken, Wild Rice, & Roasted Vegetables

Prepared by: Peppers Catering

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

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ginna Lister

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JANUARY USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Melanie Branham, Head
Greg Lucas, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Eric Goodwin, Head
Candice Ledbetter, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Marty Kwasniewski

VIDEO

Ryan Moore

MEMBER NEWS

The known hospitalization this week was Barbara Roberts.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Sallie Robinson and family in the death of her father, Charles H. Duckett, who died on December 25, 2023.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Ruth Rice and family in the death of her mother, Wanda Britts, who died on January 2, 2024.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Joan Blackwelder and family in the death of her brother, Jack Billings, who died on January 3, 2024.

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