

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

1st Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 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

Minute for Finance Eric Goodwin

Prelude "Divinum Mysterium" arr. Dahl

\* Call to Worship  
L: You know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for us to wake from sleep.  
**P: For salvation is nearer to us now  
than when we became believers.**  
L: The night is far gone,  
the day is near.  
**P: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
and put on the armor of light.**  
(based on Romans 13:11-12)

\* Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 83

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**Merciful God, always with us:  
We confess that we do not know  
how to prepare for your Advent.  
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;  
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;  
we get distracted by all the busyness of the season.  
Forgive us, God.  
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,  
the intelligent courage of the Magi,  
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,  
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem  
and find the good news of a child born for us.  
We ask you to make us ready for his coming. 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
9:00 a.m. Dan, Clare, and Danielle Nunnery  
Jack, Macee, and Maverick Nunnery  
11:00 a.m. Kathy Rieger

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.) "The First Noel" arr. Clawson  
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Jude 17-25  
Sermon **Small Letter, Big Teaching** Rev. John DuBose  
II. The Mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**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.) "Child of the Light" arr. Forrest  
Adult Choir

Prayers of the People & 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Spruger  
\* 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 "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates" arr. McDonald

\* 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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Email Address

1st Time Visit

**Christmas Decor**

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

**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**

**December 4, 5:30 pm**

**Menu:**

Spaghetti with Meatballs, 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

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

**NURSERY STAFF**

Valerie Brock and Katie Guthrie

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**9:00 a.m.**                      **11:00 a.m.**  
Samantha & Grant Hollis              Ginna Lister

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Stephen Roach

**DECEMBER USHERS**

**9:00 a.m.**                      **11:00 a.m.**  
Russell Patterson, Head              Elizabeth Weaver, Head  
Lucas Durham, Asst.              Brad Wilson, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT**              **VIDEO**  
Carolyn Brice                      Kevin Taaffe

**MEMBER NEWS**

The known hospitalizations this week were Sally Wilhelm and Samiel Martin.

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Mills Anderson Foster, born on November 23, 2024. She is the daughter of Mary Grace and Jake Foster and the granddaughter of Margaret and Jon Foster.

We welcome Suzette and Ken Broman-Fulks to EPC. Suzette joins us by transfer of letter. Ken is a retired Presbyterian Pastor.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**CHURCH OFFICERS**

**Session**

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| <b>Class of 2024</b><br>Gregg Branham<br>Karen Cooper<br>Phil Darity<br>Dennis Latham<br>Wilma Shealy<br>Scott Wilbanks | <b>Class of 2025</b><br>Carolyn Brice<br>Barry Brock<br>Meg Jewell<br>Kelvin Kears<br>Dan Nunnery<br>Monty Oxendine | <b>Class of 2026</b><br>Nick Caldwell<br>Tammy Darity<br>Phil Lyles<br>Chris Robinson<br>David Weaver<br>Jennifer Willis |
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**Diaconate**

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| <b>Class of 2024</b><br>Melanie Branham<br>John Dockery<br>Eric Goodwin<br>Mary Ann Merritt<br>David Owen<br>Stephen Roach | <b>Class of 2025</b><br>Michael Baker<br>Lori Brock<br>Eric Dillon<br>Candice Ledbetter<br>Annie Rossley<br>Brad Wilson | <b>Class of 2026</b><br>Garrett Charles<br>Marian Dawkins<br>Lucas Durham<br>Russell Patterson<br>Elizabeth Weaver<br>Melissa Wilbanks |
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**Trustees**

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| David Whittemore | Jack Brock | Dexter Rogers |
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