

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

2nd Sunday of Christmas/ Epiphany Sunday  
January 5, 2025  
9:00 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 Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

\* Hymn "What Child Is This" No. 145

\* 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 John 1:19-28

Sermon The Gospel of John Dr. Gravely  
IV. "The Witness of John"

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" No. 163

\* 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.**

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 Anthem "Come and Feast" arr. Dengler  
Soloist, Robert Norris

\* 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 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" No. 159

\* 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 "Good Christians All Rejoice" 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

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2025 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 8, 5:30 pm

**Menu:**

Breakfast for Supper

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 & Ella Grace Respass

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**9:00 a.m.**

Kristi Dockery

**11:00 a.m.**

Mallory & Mike Bowers

**SAFE PLACE MONITORS**

Eric Dillon & James Reynolds

**JANUARY USHERS**

**9:00 a.m.**

Melanie Branham, Head  
John Dockery, Asst.

**11:00 a.m.**

Brad Wilson, Head  
Marian Dawkins, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT**

Roger Kilpatrick

**VIDEO**

Phil Lyles

**MEMBER NEWS**

We express Christian love and sympathy to Nick Caldwell and family in the death of his mother, Gail Caldwell, who died on December 24, 2024.

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Sadie Anne Lundy who was born on December 30, 2024. Sadie is the daughter of Erin and Matthew Lundy and the granddaughter of Sue and Phil Barker.

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Gregg Branham  
Karen Cooper  
Phil Darity  
Dennis Latham  
Wilma Shealy  
Scott Wilbanks

**Class of 2025**  
Carolyn Brice  
Barry Brock  
Meg Jewell  
Kelvin Kears  
Dan Nunnery  
Monty Oxendine

**Class of 2026**  
Nick Caldwell  
Tammy Darity  
Phil Lyles  
Chris Robinson  
David Weaver  
Jennifer Willis

**Diaconate**

**Class of 2024**  
Melanie Branham  
John Dockery  
Eric Goodwin  
Mary Ann Merritt  
David Owen  
Stephen Roach

**Class of 2025**  
Michael Baker  
Lori Brock  
Eric Dillon  
Candice Ledbetter  
Annie Rossley  
Brad Wilson

**Class of 2026**  
Garrett Charles  
Marian Dawkins  
Lucas Durham  
Russell Patterson  
Elizabeth Weaver  
Melissa Wilbanks

**Trustees**

David Whittemore

Jack Brock

Dexter Rogers

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