SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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 "The First Noel" arr. Ray

* Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!
People: I will say it again: Rejoice!
L: Let your gentleness be evident to all.
P: The Lord is near!
(based on Philippians 4:4-5)

* Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" No. 347

* Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord,
for not bending the knee,
for not reading your Word,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God.
Grant that when Christmas morning comes this year,
we may have a fresh sense of your presence,
and a renewed resolve
to live to the praise of Christ's glory. 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 Candle

9:00 am Juanita and Steve Acres

11:00 am The Petromichelis & Grantham families

Prayer with Children

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

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Hays
Adult Choir with Soloist, Mary Ann Merritt

Scripture Lesson I Peter 5:6-11

Sermon What Angels Long to See Dr. Seel
IV. Salvation Fulfilled

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 123

* 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.) "Be Still (Silent Night)" arr. Althouse
Adult Choir

O Antiphons and the Lord's Prayer

L: O Wisdom,
coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
pervading and permeating all creation,
you order all things with strength and gentleness:
Come now and teach us the way to salvation.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Adonai,
Ruler of the house of Israel,
you appeared in the burning bush to Moses
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come with outstretched arm to save us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Root of Jesse,
rising as a sign for all the peoples,
before you earthly rulers will keep silent,
and nations give you honor:
Come quickly to deliver us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Key of David,
Scepter over the house of Israel,
you open and no one can close,
you close and no one can open:
Come to set the prisoners free.
Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light,
Sun of justice:
Come, shine on those who live in darkness
and in the shadow of death.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O ruler of the nations,
Monarch for whom the people long,
you are the cornerstone uniting all humanity:
Come, save us all,
whom you formed out of clay.
Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Emmanuel,
our Sovereign and lawgiver,
desire of the nations and Savior of all:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: God of grace,
ever faithful to your promises,
the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming,
and looks forward with longing
to his return at the end of time.
Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes,
for he is Lord forever and ever.

All: 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 "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Sikes

* Doxology No. 606

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 143

* 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 "Voluntary on Two Carols" arr. McDonald

** Congregation Stands*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship Register in the pews. If you are visiting and wish to learn more about EPC, leave your contact information. If you are interested in becoming a member, check 'wish to join' and a pastor will be in touch with you.

Visiting EPC?
The Connections Class is for you!

An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet the pastor, staff, and others or to learn more about EPC.

The class meets from 10:00 – 10:40 am in the church library every second Sunday.

The Connections Class will meet again on February 8, 2026.

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer need, please fill out the following and place it in the offering plate.

_____
Your Name

Prayer Need: _____
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or you may scan this QR Code:

The EPC Staff and Prayer Team will pray for your request this week. Requests are kept confidential.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2026 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?

Have you moved or have a new phone number or new E-mail address?
To help us keep the church's records current, please call the church office at 859-4220. If you call after hours, you may leave your information on Extension 12, or you may E-mail *dicie@ easleypresbyterian.org*

Staying Connected

Church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

NURSERY STAFF

Ella Grace Respass & Avery Beaty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Mike McAlister and Brad Wilson

DECEMBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Garrett Charles, Head Brad Wilson, Asst.	Elizabeth Weaver, Head Marian Dawkins, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT	VIDEO
Phil Darity	John Franks

MEMBER NEWS

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Townsend William Fortenberry, born December 17, 2025. Townes is the son of Maggie and Jake Fortenberry and the grandson of Sonja and Mike Lowery.

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Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
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