

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026
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 “Little Prelude in G Minor” Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water
and drink deeply of the living stream.

People: Come, all who are weary;
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

People: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

* Hymn “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” No. 35

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with
ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promise of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Ordination & Installation of New Officers (11:00 a.m.)

- Words of Scripture
- Introductory Words
- Constitutional Questions to the Officers-elect
- Constitutional Questions to the Congregation
- Prayer of Ordination/ Installation
- Declaration of Ordination/ Installation

Officers to be ordained and installed:

Deacons:

Matt Hunter
Reschin Moore
Kelsey Reynolds

Elder:

Melanie Branham

Officers to be installed:

Deacons:

Eric Dillon
Annie Rossley
Brad Wilson

Elders:

Carolyn Brice
John Franks
Kelvin Kearse
Dennis Latham
Dan Nunnery

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Anthem “My Wordless Prayer” arr. Courtney

Scripture Lesson John 16:1-15

Sermon The Gospel of John XLVI. When the Spirit of Truth Comes Dr. Seel

We Respond to God’s Word

* Hymn “Breathe On Me, Breath of God” No. 286

* 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.) “Spirit, Rest Your Ear” arr. Courtney
Adult Choir

Prayers of the People and 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 Anthem (11:00 a.m.) “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” arr. Page
Adult Choir

* Doxology 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.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn “God of Our Life ” No. 686

* 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 “Declaration” Gordon

* 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.

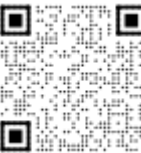
PRAYER REQUEST

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

Your Name

Prayer Need: _____

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 didi@easleypresbyterian.org

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

January 14, 5:30 pm

Menu:

BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Turnip Greens, Salad, Cornbread, and Dessert

Prepared by:
Peppers Catering

Family Name

Number of meals: _____

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

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

NURSERY STAFF

Ella Grace Respass & Avery Beaty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

Meg Messerich

11:00 a.m.

Jacqueline Bettilyon

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Brad Wilson and James Reynolds

JANUARY USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Brad Wilson, Head
Larry Keese, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Marian Dawkins, Head
Larry Keese, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Roger Kilpatrick

VIDEO

Ryan Moore

MEMBER NEWS

The known hospitalization this week was Jim Stuckey.

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Peter Wells Knight, born January 6, 2026. Peter is the son of Gracelyn Latham and Conner Knight, the grandson of Cherie and Dennis Latham, and the great grandson of Lynn and Harry Human.

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