



Epworth United Methodist Church.
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Beloved, we gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.

We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

We worship with joy now, confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.

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We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise, as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done and will do among us.

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Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.

Come! Let us rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

Hymn of Praise:

UMH 245

The First Noel

Lighting Of The Advent Candle

Edwards Family

In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

*We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.
(Light the third candle of the Advent wreath.)*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steve Taylor



Songs of Praise

Praise Band

*Little Drummer Boy
Do You Hear What I Hear*

Offering/Offertory

**Rev. Steve Taylor
Susan Gassaway**

Fantasia On Forrest Green

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Scripture:

John 16: 19-24

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Special Music

Samantha Ehrlich

A Celtic Lullaby

Children's Moment

Christmas Music Special

Narrator-Kristen Shelton

*Christmas Day In The Morning
Come Messiah, Come Emmanuel
Come And Adore Him*

Hymn of Reflection

UMH 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881



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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song

The Blessing

Praise Band

Sending Forth

Rev. Steve Taylor

Postlude



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC

Sunday, December 14th:

Ugly Christmas Sweaters

Christmas Music Program during Worship

Prayer Gathering 4:00pm

West Wing/Chapel

Movie Night 5:00pm

East Wing/Parlor

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH:

FOOD PANTRY 1:00pm - 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:

FOOD PANTRY 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH:

FOOD PANTRY 1:00PM - 4:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST:

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 8:30AM-9:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM-10:00AM

WORSHIP 10:15AM-11:30AM

"BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP 4:00PM-5:00PM

Birthdays

Dec. 14th

Liz Taylor

Dec. 16th

Ben Grove

Dec. 20th

Katie Sanders

David Sanders



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Joyce Belville
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Jeanie Bledsoe
Naomi Dean	Jim & Stella Allen	Samantha Ehrlich
Randy Holcomb	Marsha Alexander	Megan Colvin
Linda McClung	Lou Parrish	
Roy Flugge		

Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Phyllis & Tim Michaud - Daughter of Late Sarah Horton
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little-Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Forrest & Misty Rodems - Friends of the Watson Family
Jane Clark - Mother of Rev. Kyle Clark
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Kim Gaffney - Friend of Rev. Kyle & Debbie Clark
Cindy Blevins - Friend of Brenda Davidson
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Kenneth Allen- Son of Jim & Stella Allen
Sarah McGovern-Daughter of Judy Jernigan
Gabe Isaza-Brother-In-Law of Joyce Witte

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Group



Christmas *Poinsettias*

Place your order Today!

Cost is **\$20.00** each

This year we are doing a one time purchase of silk/velvet poinsettias that will last years but look good.

Order Forms will be in Sunday Bulletins and
Located in various areas of the Church
or call 405-224-3320 ext. 100.



Epworth Movie Night!!!!

December 14th 5:00pm

Food, Fellowship, and a great movie!!!!!

All are invited!

