



Epworth United Methodist Church.
Sunday, December 7th, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.

We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

UMH 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel (sing twice)

Lighting Of The Advent Candle

Ehrlich Family

Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

*We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.
(Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.)*



Songs of Praise

Praise Band

*The Birthday of a King
We Believe*

Offering/Offertory

**Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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!**

**Children's Moment
Scripture:**

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Isaiah 9: 6-7

Sermon

Rev. Steve Taylor

Peace Is On Its Way

Pastoral Prayer

Service of the Word and Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us
through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Giving of the Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*We give you thanks, God, for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Allow us grace to go into the world, strengthened by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.***

Closing Song

Jesus Messiah

Praise Band

Sending Forth

Rev. Steve Taylor

Postlude



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC		
Sunday, December 7th		
Prayer Gathering		4:00pm
West Wing/Chapel		
Monday, December 8th:		
SPRC Meeting		5:00pm - 5:30pm
West Wing/Library		
Finance & Trustee Committee Meeting		5:30pm - 6:30pm
East Wing/Parlor		
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH:		
FOOD PANTRY		1:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH:		
FOOD PANTRY		1:00pm - 4:00pm
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal		6:00pm - 7:00pm
West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room		
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH:		
FOOD PANTRY		1:00PM - 4:00PM
CALLIE SALTER CIRCLE		5:30PM - 7:00PM
CHRISTMAS PARTY (POTLUCK) JOYCE'S HOUSE		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH:		
BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP		8:30AM-9:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL		9:00AM-10:00AM
WORSHIP		10:15AM-11:30AM
"BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP		4:00PM-5:00P
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<i>Birthdays</i>		
Dec. 8th		
Justin Bassett		
Joyce Belville		
Dec. 9th		
Ray Belville		
Dec. 13th		
Jerald Gibson		
Dec. 14th		
Liz Taylor		



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	Pam Cooper	Samantha Ehrlich
Randy Holcomb	Jim & Stella Allen	Megan Colvin
Linda McClung	Marsha Alexander	
Roy Flugge	Lou Parrish	

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

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!

