



Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23

Services at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00

Christmas Eve Services, Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children/Family Service –
an interactive Children's Nativity and Communion

7:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service
with Communion and Candlelight

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 23

8:30 and 11:00 services

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Luke 1: 47-44, Micah 5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 39-45

Hymns: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Response at 8:30 *What Can We Bring* - Maureen Oakes, solo

Response at 11:00 *Going to Bethlehem* - Chancel Choir

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Alexander McDowell, violin

Benediction *Joy to the World*

9:00 service

Sermon: "Divine Plotting"

Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-45

Songs: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* *Almost There*
Silent Night *Christmas Hallelujah*

GREETERS Susan Armour, Meg Bass

USHERS Marvin Carver, Jeff Rankin, Morgan West, Jay Hallan

ACOLYTE Olivia Vandevander

CRUCIFER Ian Kim

YOUTH READER Elise Benware

BUS DRIVER Larry Reeves

SOUND TECHNICIAN 9:00 Lewis Bass IV 11:00 Chuck Darr

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD Kathy and Harry Dutton, Joyce Dalglish,
Kenneth Roberts, Judy Daymont

COUNTERS Judy Daymont, Susan Armour

CORRIDOR DISTRICT CHRISTMAS OFFERING will support the restoration of parsonages and churches devastated by Hurricane Florence in September, 2018. We hope you will give to this very special Christmas offering. Make checks payable to Epworth and include "Corridor District Christmas Offering" on the memo line.

FROM OUR STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We are collecting a Love Offering for the church staff to show our appreciation for their dedication and performance. All year they carry out the necessary duties required to complete Epworth's obligations and commitments both within our church and our surrounding communities. If you would like to participate, please make checks payable to Epworth and note "Love Offering" on the memo line. You may place your gifts in the offering, mail them in, or bring them to the church office. We are all blessed to remain committed to doing His will. Thank you, and Merry, Merry Christmas to all!

STEWARDSHIP 2019

If you have not yet filled out a pledge card for 2019 and would like to do so, please stop by the office to pick one up or contact the church office at 919-489-6557 or office@epworth-umc.org and we can mail or email one to you.

End of Year Finance Office News.....

All financial gifts received **on or before Sunday, December 30, 2018**, will be recorded on your 2018 year-end giving statement.

YOU ARE INVITED Please join us in celebrating Elaine Herndon's 80th birthday and Bob Hodgins' 75th birthday, and Elaine and Bob's 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 5, 2019, 2-5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Family and friends welcome. Best wishes only; no gifts please. Please RSVP to Lisa at lthain@rogers.com or call Kim at 470-231-2313 by December 30, 2018.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Harriet Childs to the Care Group from Mary Chambers

In memory of Carl Allen from Louise Allen

Plaques have been placed on the Endowment Board in memory of Dee Stanley and Harriet Childs indicating gifts made to the Endowment Fund in their names.

FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the youth ministry and purchasing poinsettias! The youth are very excited to be remodeling the youth room and look forward to sharing their progress with the congregation in the spring! Attached to the Etchings is the Poinsettia Insert in case you missed it on Sunday - please note that we have made changes and apologize for the mistakes on the first copy!

If you are picking up your Poinsettia(s) this Sunday, please see the attached Poinsettia Order List to confirm which color and size you purchased before pick up! There are printed lists in the Narthex (below the painting of Jesus and the woman at the well) and Farthex (below the tv) if you need to reference the list at church! Please make sure to only take home the poinsettias you ordered so that others can do the same!

Merry Christmas to the Epworth Family from the Youth!!!



Youth, enjoy your break! We will not meet the next 3 Sunday nights – Dec. 23, 30 or Jan. 6. We will kick off the new year on Jan. 13!

The next Etchings will be sent to you the first week of January.

DECEMBER / JANUARY 2018

23 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Chancel Choir	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 and 7:30	25 Christmas Day Church office Closed thru Jan. 1	26	27 7:00 p.m. AA	28	29
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Epworth United Methodist Church declares itself a Reconciling Congregation, seeking to welcome all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicities, disabilities, gender or sexual orientation, into the discipleship of Christian living and proclaim our commitment to seek the reconciliation of all persons to God and to each other through Jesus Christ.

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