

## *This Week and Beyond*

### **Sunday, December 21**

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm Children & Youth to the movies

### **Tuesday, December 23**

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### **December 24**

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

### **December 24 - 26**

**Church office closed for Christmas Holidays**

### **Sunday, December 28 - Combined Worship**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Combined Worship Service



## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

- Ruby Spearman
- Caron Cannon
- Tony Lizzi
- Jean Carey
- Frances Downie
- Jim Ruud
- Buddy and Shirley Dallas
- Clarice Bobo
- Weston Crowe, Great-nephew of Jan Crowe
- Lisa Cassell, Sister-in-law of Joe and Phyllis Venable
- Paul Nathan Davis, Friend of Alison Hood
- Katie Jordan, Neighbor of Judy Daughtridge
- Jennifer Lewis, Sister of Brooke Henderson
- Franco Corvera, Son-in-law of Jean Carey
- Conflict in Ukraine
- Our Church

## *Our Stewardship as of 12/17/25*

Offering week of 12/14/25	\$3,168
Weekly need to meet 2025 budget	\$10,404
Balance in General Fund	\$5,146
Estimated expenses for 12/23/25	\$3,626
Reserve Fund	\$3,535
2025 Apportionment Paid	\$2,000
2025 Received for Budget	\$420,687
2025 Expenses paid (including mortgage principal)	\$440,116
2025 Budget	\$541,018

## *EFUMC Staff*

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Church

**Instagram:** [easleyfumc](https://www.instagram.com/easleyfumc)



**Pastor Michael Hood**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

***WELCOME!** We're delighted you are worshipping with us. Whether you're new to EFUMC, a returning friend or a member, please sign the attendance registration pad and pass it to others on your pew. May you be blessed as you worship today.*

**December 21, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Advent**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP   8:45 AM		
*Opening Song	“Hark The Herald Angels Sing” Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy	Praise Team
Welcome and Announcements		Gary Mathis
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16 Pew Bible Page 485	Rhett Bush
*Song of Praise	“Away In A Manger” Jason Ingram, John Thomas McFarland, Lauren Daigle, Martin Luther, Paul Mabury, William James Kirkpatrick	Praise Team
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Luke 1:46-49	The Aaron Kerr Family
We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.		
*Song of Praise	“Holy Forever (Christmas)” Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham	Praise Team
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Matthew
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Michael
Special Music	“Mary Did You Know” Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry	Praise Team
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible Page 1	Pastor Michael
Sermon		
Song of Reflection	“Little Drummer Boy” Harry Simeone, Henry Onorati, Katherine Kennicott Davis	Praise Team
A Service of Holy Communion		Hymnal Page 13
“The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer”		
*Closing Song	“Light Of The World” Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash	Praise Team
“Hark The Herald Angels Sing” Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy		
*Benediction		Pastor Michael
*Those who are able may stand.		
The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP   11:00 AM		
Pre-Service Music	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Felix Mendelssohn/Arr. Tom Roed “Gesú Bambino” Pietro Yon/Arr. Tom Roed “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Lewis Redner/Arr. Marilyn Ham	Ralph Boggess
Ringing of the Bell Tower Bell		Ushers
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Michael
Prelude	“Away in a Manger” William Kirkpatrick/Arr. Robert Lau	Ralph Boggess
Call to Worship	“Once in Royal David’s City” Henry Gauntlett Mary Boggess, Soprano	Chancel Choir
*Hymn	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	Hymnal Number 240
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Luke 1:46-49	Ed and Pat Shigley
We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.		
*Hymn	“Advent Song” (Stanza 4)	TFWS 2090
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16 Pew Bible Page 485	Ginnye Lusk
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Matthew
Anthem	“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Johann Sebastian Bach/Arr. Bryceson Treharne	Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Michael
*Hymn	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	Hymnal Number 251
*Apostles’ Creed		Hymnal Number 881
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible Page 1	
Sermon		
Offertory	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” German Carol/Arr. Johann Sebastian Bach	Ralph Boggess
*Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymnal Number 95
*Hymn	“He Is Born”	Hymnal Number 228
*Benediction		Pastor Michael
*Benediction Response	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” German Carol/Arr. Gary Alan Smith	Chancel Choir
*Postlude	“He Is Born” French Carol/Arr. Carlton Young	Ralph Boggess
*Those who are able may stand.		