

This Week and Beyond

Sunday, December 14

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Children's Christmas Play

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 am Advent Bible Study
6:00 pm Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

10:30 am UMW Circle #7 Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Fellowship
6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Ruby Spearman
- Caron Cannon
- Family of Debby Maier
- Tony Lizzi
- Beverly Vickery
- Riley King
- Jean Carey
- Frances Downie
- Jim Ruud
- Buddy and Shirley Dallas
- Clarice Bobo
- Lisa Cassell, Sister-in-law of Joe and Phyllis Venable
- Carolyn Eppard, Mother of Markley Hidde
- Hannah Davis, Niece of Markley Hidde
- 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 12/10/25

Offering week of 12/07/25	\$10,107
Weekly need to meet 2025 budget	\$10,404
Balance in General Fund	\$10,868
Estimated expenses for 12/17/25	\$1,250
Reserve Fund	\$3,535
2025 Apportionment Paid YTD	\$2,000
2025 Received for Budget	\$417,519
2025 Expenses paid (including mortgage principal)	\$431,112
2025 Budget	\$541,018

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Pastor Michael Hood



THIRD 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 14, 2025 | Third Sunday of Advent | Traditional Service

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 11:00 AM

Pre-Service Music Ralph Boggess
“Carol Medley: O Come, All Ye Faithful; Silent Night; Joy to the World”
Arr. John Schaum

Ringling of the Bell Tower Bell Ushers
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Michael
Prelude “Carol of the Bells” Handbell Quartet
Mykola Leonovich/Arr. Charles Maggs

Lighting of the Advent Candle Ralph Boggess, Janet Hall, Bunny Deener, Jim Blalock
Isaiah 61:1-3a Buddy and Mary Ann Jordan
We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called
to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God’s people.

*Hymn “Advent Song” (Stanza 3) TFWS Number 2090
*Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymnal Number 234
(Stanzas 1,2 and 6)

Children’s Sermon Pastor Matthew
Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer Pastor Michael
*Apostles’ Creed Hymnal Number 881
*Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11 Pastor Michael
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Sermon
Offertory “Pastoral Symphony” from Messiah Ralph Boggess
George Frideric Handel
*Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal Number 95

Messiah George Frideric Handel
1. “And the Glory of the Lord” Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

2. “Thus Saith the Lord of Hosts/But Who May Abide” Jim Blalock, Bass
Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come. (Haggai 2:6-7)

The Lord, whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple, ev’n the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth. (Malachi 3:1-2)

3. “Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive/O Thou That Tellest” Angela Weisner, Alto & Choir
Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel — God with Us. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, “Behold your God! Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.” (Isaiah 40:9)

4. “For unto Us a Child Is Born” Choir
“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

5. Shepherd and Angel Recitatives Rebecca Gandy, Soprano
There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo! The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. (Luke 2:8-9)

And the angel said unto them, “Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: (Luke 2:10, 11,13)

6. “Glory to God in the Highest” Choir
Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men. (Luke 2:14)

7. “Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind/He Shall Feed His Flock” Meg Edwards, Alto
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. (Isaiah 35:5-6)
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

8. “Come unto Him” Sara Bowden, Soprano
Come unto Him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and He shall give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)

9. “Hallelujah!” Choir
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ. And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah! (Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16)

*Benediction Pastor Michael
*Postlude “Christians, Be Joyful” from Christmas Oratorio Ralph Boggess
J. S. Bach/Arr. Franklin Ritter

*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.