

COMING UP...
NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 30

- Sunday, November 23**
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:15 a.m. New Members' Class
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Online & Children's Church
T-shirt Sunday
- Monday, November 24**
11:30 a.m. Monday Ministry Zumba
- Tuesday, November 25**
1:00 p.m. Grief/Caregiver Support Meeting
3:00 p.m. Rose Hill Ministry
- Wednesday, November 26**
Closed (Observing Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Thursday, November 27**
Closed (Observing Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Friday, November 28**
Closed (Observing Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Sunday, November 30**
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9:15 a.m. New Members' Class
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Online & Children's Church



The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Ch krist for the transformation of the world.

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CONTACTING YOU
Most of the church's communication is through e-mail. We send three e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday, an email from the pastor and an email reminder of Sunday worship. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Help us contact you by ensuring the church office has your current e-mail address.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

*Epworth's members are our ministers.
The professional staff who assist us are:*

Administrator Assistant.....	Vacant
Children's Ministry Director	Jas'min Vontoure
Children's Ministry Assistant.....	Whitney Mennifee
Custodians.....	Martha Conklin
	Barbie Webb
Media Tech	Tristan Campbell
Music Director.....	Bob Lee
Nursery Worker.....	Martha Conklin
Pastor.....	Rev. Earnestine Campbell
Praise & Worship Director	Mandi Battle

WOE TO THE SHEPHERDS
THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING

Whether you use the traditional title for this final day of the Christian Year, "Christ the King Sunday," or the newer designation, "Reign of Christ Sunday," the emphasis is on allegiance to the Savior, Jesus the Christ. For some, Christ the King refers to the person of Christ and therefore can be used to capture all that he was and said during the earthly ministry, as well as the position of authority he now holds "at the right hand of God the Father." Others suggest that Reign of Christ emphasizes the relationship with all of creation, with us and with all. It might also be argued that both approaches bring us to the same place. So, whatever broadens the horizons of your congregation and provides enough tradition to be located in this space is up to the worship team in your place.

If there is a Sunday when creeds are appropriate, this is it. Of course, creeds are appropriate at any time, but they are doubly so on this occasion. Again, there is a choice of tradition or a newer expression of faith. The Nicene or Apostles' Creeds provide, for many, the familiar language of a long heritage in the faith and bring folks back into the heart of belief. The Canadian or Korean Creeds can give a global expression in words that also fit our faith. A Modern Affirmation seeks to capture the essentials of faith in a language that sounds more like we talk today. Perhaps there is an affirmation from a confirmation class that could be used, or a youth expression written on a retreat or mission trip that speaks to your context yet also reaches the heights of our theological understandings.

Joining in a creed or affirmation of faith is an opportunity to claim one's faith within the body of the gathered community. It is at once an individual and a corporate act. "This is my faith," we declare, alongside "This is our faith." Whatever words or formulations we use, we can pledge allegiance to Christ once more and be reminded that this is the highest allegiance, above nation or tribe or race. We belong to Christ, the unifier, the one who gathers us and claims us as precious children of God. There are always competing allegiances, other voices calling us to follow. Some seem to align with the cause of Christ; others do not. It is a time of discernment as we gather for worship each week and on this day. We need to know the Christ we claim today, to know his words and example. We need to test the other claims and abandon those that take us away from the gospel he brings, namely the call to love God and neighbor. This is a day to stake our claim as followers of Christ.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/the-days-are-surely-coming/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes>

We hope to see you at church on Sunday, and invite someone to attend.
In Christ,
Pastor Earnie



Epworth connects and equips all kinds of people to SEEK, SERVE, and SHARE Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

The Nathan Patterson Class
Study: Job 6, 7
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: Life Lessons From ACTS
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

November 23, 2025

Usher: Donny Davis
Financial Secretary: Steve Sawyer
Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

November 16, 2025

Tithes & Offerings:	\$3,445.00
Received To Date:	\$148,620.63
Needed To Date:	\$218,064.00

Attendance:	
Sunday School	8
In-person Sunday Worship	64
Online Viewers	92
Total	156

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

Our 2026 Stewardship Pledge Campaign theme is “Investing in Eternal Treasure,” and our Scripture is Matthew 6:20-21: “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” The Scripture reminds us to prioritize investing in the acts of generosity, love, and service that align with God’s kingdom work over material possessions and other things that can distract us from our commitment to God and the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and its impact on our church. Your commitment is a vital investment We ask for you to submit your pledge card by December 31, 2025. We will consecrate the pledges on January 11, 2026, and we are excited about the journey and ministry ahead as God continues to bless Epworth, you, and your family abundantly.

STAY CONNECTED

In-Person & Livestreaming Worship - Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Options for worshipping by livestream are: Put the name epworthumc first: facebook.com/epworthcolumbus or youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDDeE-dnv5a5nQKjA as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible or as close to the time of other livestream services.

Likes, Shares & Reviews Matter - Take time to like the Epworth Facebook and Youtube pages to become a follower of these social media platforms, like the posts and/or videos, share, or comment. It only takes a few seconds and only a few minutes to write a review of your experience at Epworth through Facebook, Google, or Yelp. This is a way to let our community know about us.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Attention all new members! You are asked to join the New Members' Class on Sunday, December 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you became a member of Epworth in 2024 or 2025, this class is specifically for you and for all other interested persons. It’s a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of our Christian faith through Biblical principles and the United Methodist Church's practice and application of the interpretation of the Biblical texts and spiritual disciplines. Also, if you have not returned your new member’s packet, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven’t received one, please notify the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

NATHAN PATTERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Why do bad things happen to good people? Why is there so much calamity in the world? What do we know about Satan? For the answers to these questions and more, join us as we study the Bible and explore the book of Job in the Nathan Patterson Sunday School class at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

ADVENT SUNDAY OBSERVANCE 2025

Advent Sunday Obeservance-November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Encouraging all to come out for the special season and invite others. **Advent readers needed.**

MISSIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER MISSION ADVENT - CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

December Mission Opportunity - We have a three-pronged set of activities for December. Funds from our Love lights, the Christmas post office, and the December Christmas offering will be divided among Open Door Community House, Brown Bag of Columbus, Dasmascus Way, and the Fellowship at Rose Hill. As always, thanks for your gifts!

Poinsettias for Christmas - To purchase a red poinsettia for \$20 each in memory or honor of a loved one, see the sign-up sheet on the church office window or contact the church office. The plants will be placed in the Sanctuary through Christmas Eve. You are encouraged to pick up your poinsettias after one of the services. The deadline to order is Wednesday, December 10. Quantity limited.

Sock/Glove/Hat Drive and More - We are sponsoring a drive to collect ONLY women’s and children's socks, mittens/gloves, scarves, and hats/toboggans for Damascus Way. The deadline is Sunday, December 21.

Wrapping Paper and Tape Drive - We are sponsoring a drive to collect wrapping paper and tape for gift wrapping for children in need at Open Door. The deadline is Friday, December 12.

Love lights - We will celebrate Love Light Sunday, December 14, in our worship service. For a \$5 donation, your loved one will be remembered or honored in the December 14 bulletin. You may list a couple, such as a set of parents. Complete the form in the bulletin and submit it with a \$5 gift for each name to be listed, in the offering plate, or deliver them to the church office no later than Tuesday, December 9.

Christmas Decoratings - Friday, November 28, 11:00 a.m - Decorating the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for Christmas. Coordinator, Seeker’s Sunday School class.

Christmas Post Office Available - Christmas Post Office Raises Funds for Missions and is open in the foyer to mail your Christmas cards to fellow members for 25¢ each. Money collected will go to the Helping Our Neighbors at Christmas offering. This is a great way to connect and save money! Remember to check to see if you have any Christmas cards! Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Eve/Candlight Service/Children's Pageant - Wednesday, December 24 at 4 p.m. Parents/Guardians: Children's Pageant Rehearsal will begin on Sunday, November 16, during Children's Church hour. Please bring the children to participate.

GRIEF/CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING

Grief / Caregiver Support Meeting - Our next Support Meeting is Tuesday, November 25, at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Martha Conklin at 706-329-0629.

CAKE SALE COMING

Cake Sale Coming for the Holidays! Everyone needs a cake sometime over the holidays. We are asking for homemade cake donations for a very worthy cause (our church budget!). Cakes will be sold every Sunday after service starting November 23rd and continuing through Christmas. If you can donate a homemade cake, please choose a Sunday that works best for you and call Becky Britton at (706)326-2436 to get on the schedule. Thanks in advance for your contributions. All proceeds will go directly to the Epworth UMC operating budget.

THANK YOU!

-Thanks to all who donated to the Thanksgiving offering to Wynnton Neighborhood Network. We collected 29 Thanksgiving-themed bags and 132 additional food items. Way to go, Epworth!

-Thanks to all who donated to the World Thank Offering and partook of the soup meal and fellowshiped. We raised \$1,200, with proceeds going to helping women and children. Sponsored by the UWF.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours—Office Closed, Wednesday - Friday, November 26 - 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Annette Taff	Lillian Wooldridge	Jeanne Guilbeault	Cheryl Jandreau
Mildred Rodgers	Betty Paulk	Susan Stark	Michael Taff
John Grandon	Linda Lee	Susan Dunn	Buddy Dunn
Bob Lee	Marjean Waters	Deborah Cooper	
Ann Smith	Natalie Kernodle		

James and Donna Faircloth & Family	Family of Myra Tucker
Mary Lee Crews & Family	Earl & Melonie Phillips & Family
Ann Smith & Family	Frank Karastury & Family
Ron Sawyer & Family	Barre' and Steve Whittington and Family

Extended Church Family

Patricia Waldo	Steve Guilbeault	Robbins Family	Kuester Family
Dora Spires	Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska
Billy Hill	Kim Jordan	Grier Family	Bruce Chapman
Carol Hall	Charles Holmes	Marilyn Buck	Danny Chidester
Beth Goodwin	McDaniel Family	Stephanie Bryan	Adams Family
Hattie Campbell	Robin Grantham	Dana Thurston	Ralph & Sandy McGough
Diane Wiggins	Cristina Mattocks	David Garner	Kathy McClintock
Ann Mitchell	Patricia Jefferson	Susan Land	Aundre Smith
James & Sue Flowers	Robert Wagers	Sarah Browder	Mary Kennedy
Maggie Smith	Hazel Dullin	Family of Neil Gergun	Janna Family
Roger Buterbaugh	Diane Propst	Amanda Kinsman Vines	
George Bowen	Martha Bone	Danny Snider & Family	Davis/Osborne Family
Tammy White	Sam Wilson	Michelle Slappy	Linda Walker
Bertha Robinson	Nona Robinson	Lloyd Britton	Chester Jakes

Independent/Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Oaks @ Maple Ridge - Helen Pharris	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller
River Place - Anne Wilson	
Oaks @ Grove Park - Ron Sawyer	

Tree of Life Memorial
for Epworth UMC and Hamp Stevens UMC

Given by The Friendship Class in memory of Jean F. Morris
whose generosity and caring spirit made this world a better place.

You may remember a family member or friend, now deceased, on the lasting Tree of Life Memorial that graces the entrance of our Sanctuary. Consider commemorating their life with a leaf placed on this handcrafted piece of art.

Memorials can be made for members of the Epworth United Methodist or Hamp Stevens United Methodist churches. Initiated by the Friendship Sunday School to honor Jean’s life, it is carried forward by Epworth’s Board of Trustees.

Complete the section below and return it with your gift made out to Epworth UMC. With limited space, we will only be able to include names on the leaf-no other messages. The minimum donation for an engraved leaf is \$50.

Name of Donor:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Donation Amount:

Names to be Engraved: 5 rows of up to approximately 12 characters on each row

SAMPLE

Sebastian
Williamson

Jim & Jean
Williamson
& Family

Please continue to pray for our homebound people. They would love a call or text!

If the prayer list needs to be updated, please call, email, or leave a note with updates at the church office. Thank you for your help!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.
Chirst the King/Reign of Christ
*The * Denotes to please stand if able.*

PRELUDE Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Children/Youth/Usher Ministry

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Worship Leader

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH No. 881

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.

*PRAISE SONG "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" CH 21 vv. 1, 2, 3, 5
Susan Dunn, Song Leader

OFFERTORY APPEAL/PRAYER Worship Leader

During the offering, please place your offering in the collection plates as they are passed or text the word "GIVE" to (706) 655-6768. For our Online Worshippers, text or go to epworthumc.com and select "Donate." On Communion Sunday, please place your Communion Offering in the basket near the altar.

*RESPONSE Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*SCRIPTURE PSALM 46 Margaret Gosden

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC Mandi Battle
Praise & Worship Director
CCLI # 2967303, Song #7135918

SERMON "The God Who Breaks...!"
Pastor

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Pastor

You can become a member of Epworth by either professing your Christian faith for the first time or by transferring your existing membership from another Christian church.

*CLOSING SONG "It Is Well with My Soul" CH 705 vv. 1, 4
Led by Praise & Worship Director

*LIGHT OF CHRIST BROUGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

*BENEDICTION Pastor

*POSTLUDE Music Director

COFFEE BAR ON SUNDAYS

Coffee Bar in the Welcome Center: Enjoy coffee and refreshments for the Sunday School and Worship Service hours every Sunday. Donations are appreciated.