

December 20, 2020



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Englewood United Methodist Church

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Welcome

We welcome you and all who have gathered for worship. May God's presence be real, meeting each of us at our point of need. Please make yourself known to other worshippers with expressions of welcome through emails, text messages, phone calls, and other safe distancing forms of expressions of love and encouragement.

Ministers: All

Rev. Terry Williams

*Lead Pastor & Chief Mission Strategist
Cell: 252-903-3146*

Rev. Savanna Becker

Minister of Christian Education

Sharon Muller

Organist & Handbell Director

Melissa Barbour

Choir Director

Christian Davenport

Office Administrator

Nancy Porter

Secretary

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ PEACE

December 20, 2020

10:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Savanna Becker

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Jack & Brenda Ellis

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. *(Psalm 85:8-10)*

Leader: Join me in the Advent Call to Worship:

Leader: Can you hear it?

People: What is it?

Leader: God's Word is coming.

People: We're listening. We're eager to hear.

Leader: A voice cries out and declares the Promise of Peace.

People: We stand in awe.

Leader: Things are going to even out in the world.

People: All people will embrace each other.

Leader: Today we light the candle of Peace.
(Light the purple (fourth) candle.)

All: Our peace comes from God.

SONG OF PEACE

Part the Waters

Melissa Barbour

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Terry Williams

MESSAGE

Prophetic Voices

Rev. Terry Williams

Luke 1:26-38

SONG OF DEDICATION

Breath of Heaven

Melissa Barbour

MORNING PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Terry Williams

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY MOMENT

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Terry Williams

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Terry Williams

TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of their son Alton Glover by Robert and Evelyn Glover.

POINSETTIAS: The poinsettias at the altar railings are given to the glory of God by:

Bill Dove *in memory* of Jeanette Dove

Jim and Sharon Dunn *in honor* of their 49th Wedding Anniversary and *in honor* of their children and their families

Jim and Sharon Dunn *in memory* of their parents,

Robert Lee & Estella Dunn and Fred & Sarah Maifeld

Glenda Hortman *in loving memory* of Harris Hortman

Calendar this Week - December 20 - December 26:

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Koinonia Sunday School Class via Zoom (<i>Contact Amy Quigley for Link</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Option for In-Sanctuary Worship
	5:00 p.m.	UMYF- Fellowship Hall
<i>Monday</i>	10:00 a.m.	Aldersgate Sunday School Class - Fellowship Hall
<i>Tuesday</i>		Seekers Sunday School Class <u>will not meet</u>
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Advent Study <i>Making Room - Sharing the Love of Christmas - Walk Each Other Home</i> via Zoom. Look for the link in email.
<i>Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
<i>Friday</i>		Christmas Day (Church Office Closed)

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - Our traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2020. Reservations should be made on our website or call the church office. Please plan to arrive early for check-in. Masks and social distancing will be required. Children's Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall during this same time. Please contact Savanna if your child will be attending.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING - On Christmas Eve you are invited to give a special gift to the Heritage District Christmas Offering which will go to support UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee On Relief). UMCOR works locally and around the world to provide resources when disaster strikes. As many of us know from personal experience, UMCOR has been a major presence in North Carolina when disasters have affected our homes, our churches and our Conference. We are grateful for the opportunity to give back during this season. Make checks payable to EUMC and mark UMCOR on the memo line.

ADVENT STUDY - Join us on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom for the last session of the Advent Study, ***Making Room - Sharing the Love of Christmas***. In this study we weave together scripture, Wesleyan theology, and practical wisdom that will help all of us practice the spirit of Christmas throughout the season and in the new year to come. This week we will ***Walk Each Other Home***. Keep watch in your emails for a Zoom link weekly.

END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING - The end-of-the-year has snuck upon us once again with Christmas just around the corner! In the season of giving, there is still time to make contributions to the church that will be included on this year's statements. We are so blessed to have you as part of our church family and we pray that you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! You may make your contributions to the church while here for worship or by dropping them in the basket in the hallway outside the church office by **December 31st**. You may also mail them to the church (EUMC, P. O. Box 7128, Rocky Mount, NC 27804 (must be postmarked by **December 31st**).

UPPER ROOMS - Copies of the Upper Room Devotionals for January/February are available in the Fellowship Hall and on the table outside the church office. If you would like a copy and are unable to come to the church and pick it up, please call the church office (252-443-2926) and we will make arrangements to get a copy to you.

IN-SANCTUARY WORSHIP - You now have the option for in-sanctuary worship at EUMC! Be sure to check the church website at www.inglewood-umc.com for more information and guidelines for returning to in-sanctuary worship. In order to maintain social distance seating, please make reservations **each week** online on the church website or call the church office (252-443-2926). The worship service will also be live-streamed on Facebook and later in the day on our website for those who do not feel comfortable attending in-sanctuary worship.

MEALS OF THE MONTH FOR FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES - Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. You have continue to show your generosity by dropping off food in the FCM boxes for Nash County residents. There will be a little change in the donations for the next couple of months as they are having requests for non-food items that they don't have. The "Meals of the Month" donations of **Soap, Body Wash, and Shampoo** continues through the month of December. Also during this month the donations will be **Laundry Detergent**. There is a tub and 2 yellow boxes located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "**FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH**". Please donate these non-food items during the month of December to help others who can't help themselves.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE - Please bring food items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry during the month of December. A box is located in the narthex for you to drop off your items as you enter for worship on Sunday morning. You may also make a monetary donation. Make checks payable to EUMC and mark *Food Pantry* on the memo line.

JANUARY LEADERSHIP TRAINING - In a time of adaptive strategies and new approaches, the 2021 January Leadership training, will now be conference-wide and virtual. You have a chance to choose one of five workshops, depending on your leadership role or interests. Workshops and presenters will be: Trustees (*led by Gray Southern*), Finance (*led by Christine Dodson*), Lay Leader (*led by John Hall*), State of the Connection (*led by Mark Schneider*) and S/PPRC (*led by Beth Hood*). You may register online at <https://nccume.org/leadership/training/register/>.

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have prayer concerns you would like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Terry, send an email to nporter@inglewood-umc.com, or call the church office at 252-443-2926.

PRAYER CONCERNS

In order to keep the list of prayer concerns updated, at the end of each month all names will be removed from our prayer list. If you would like a name to continue beyond a month, please call the church office.

Alana Adams (*Sister-in-law of Susan Hayes*)
Betty Sue Alford
The Family and Friends of Officer Jared Michael Allison
Geraldine Armstrong (*Mother of Linda Pridgen*)
Sara Atkins (*Sister of Barbara Batts*)
Ellen Bailey (*Sister of Greg Clark*)
Jean Bailey (*Recovering from Surgery*)
Gwen Baker (*Friend of Barbara Batts*)
The Family of Rodgers A. Baker Jr.
Lib & Mary Frances Bass (*Relatives of Brenda Andrews*)
Margaret Bass
Hannah Batchelor (*Friend of Christian Davenport*)
Rolina Becker (*Sister of Rita Vickers*)
Julie Bell (*Sister of Jean Bailey*)
The Family of John Ralph Brabble
Clayton Briley (*Father of Christian Davenport*)
F. J. Brinkley (*Father of Charlotte Redd*)
Annette Bunn
Bobby Campbell (*Brother of Lois Barnes*)
Evelyn Carlisle (*Friend of Lou Edmondson*)
Braeden Crum (*Friend of Christian Davenport*)
Lucy Culpepper
Lib Dawes (*Recovering from Fall/Broken Wrist*)
Karen Diamond (*Cousin of Kevin Holt*)
Allan Dickens (*Friend of Nancy Porter*)
Patsy Dickens
Hal Dorton
Paul & Ingrid Dunn
Reese Ferrell (*Brother-in-law of Alda Fountain*)
Alda Fountain (*New Address: 111 Meredith Woods Ct.,
Nashville, NC 27856-1771 - Phone: 252-462-5031*)
Danielle Fronfield (*Granddaughter of Lee & Grace Bellamy*)
Barbara Glover (*Friend of Pat Bunn*)
Evelyn Glover
Gary Green (*Recovering from Surgery*)
Michael Hess (*Friend of Dessie Clark*)
Caryl Holoman (*Daughter-in-law of Randolph & Marie Holoman*)
Glenda Hortman (*Recovering from Surgery*)
Betty House
The Family of Charles M. Johnson

Robert & Nancy Johnston
Eddie Lee (*Cousin of Barbara Batts*)
Betty Lewis
Mary Lewis (*Twin Sister of Margie Holt*)
Brian Lockwood (*Brother of Sharon Muller*)
Charlie Luckesen (*Friend of Maria Bowlin*)
Bill McDonald (*Friend of Robert & Pat Bunn*)
Dickey McClellan (*Recovering from Surgery—Brother of Jean Bailey*)
Earl McIlwean
Peggy McKita (*Recovering from Surgery*)
Lou Miramontes (*Brother-in-law of Linda Pridgen*)
Leigh Ann Mondak (*Friend of Christian Davenport*)
Howard Moss (*Cousin of Grace Bellamy*)
Michael O'Donnell (*Brother of Ralph O'Donnell*)
Louise Page
Scott Pullins (*Husband of Kathy Pullins*)
Carolyn Quigley (*Broken Arm from Fall*)
Bailey Rhodes (*Nephew of Angie Griffin*)
Jerry Rodwell
Bill Rowley (*Son-in-Law of Crayton & Sylvia Overton*)
Mack Ruffin (*Brother of Linda Armstrong*)
Minerva Elaine Smellie
Kelly Quigley Smith
Melissa Stanley (*Wife of Bruce Stanley, President/CEO
of Methodist Home For Children*)
Chuck Thorne (*Friend of Jeff Smith*)
Ruth Thorpe (*Aunt of Ralph O'Donnell*)
The Family of Wayne Lee Trull
Dan Vaughan (*Recovering from surgery*)
Joseph Vickers (*Brother of John Vickers & Carolyn Mobley*)
Joyce Waters (*Friend of Ralph & Mary O'Donnell*)
Blanche White (*Friend of Sharon Roth*)
Joyce White
Gail Wiggins (*Cousin of Grace Bellamy*)
The Family of James Frank Woolley, Sr.
Project AGAPE Staff and People of Armenia
Those Diagnosed with COVID-19, Families & Caregivers

In Health Care Facilities

WILSON PINES NURSING & REHABILITATION SERVICES: (403 Crestview Avenue, Wilson, NC. 27893): **Ruth Jones**
AUTUMN CARE: Virginia Williams (*Mother of Terry Williams*)
BREKENRIDGE: Vivian Easterling, Alene Hagwood, Delphia Hedgepeth, Rachel McClintock (*Mother of Judy Overton*)
BREKENRIDGE COTTAGES: Mae Carroll (*152 Devon Lane*),
BROOKDALE: Rosemary Marshall (*Mother of Sharon Roth*), Blanche Quigley Wallace (*Mother of Sam Quigley*)
FOUNTAINS OF THE ALBEMARLE: Marie Lewis
HUNTER HILL ASSISTED LIVING: Gerry Niece
NORTH CHASE REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER
(3015 Enterprise Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405): Bobby James (*Room 500*), Hassel James (*Room 611*)
PRODIGY TRANSITIONAL REHABILITATION (Tarboro, NC): Tonya Bandy
SKILLS CREATIONS (Winterville, NC): Clayton Briley (*Brother of Christian Davenport*)
SPRING ARBOR: Irene Brantley
THE RICHLAND PLACE MEMORY CARE (3823 Lawndale Dr., Apt. 5, Greensboro, NC 27455): **Robert Bunn**
TRINITY VILLAS I (232 N. Lumber St., Nashville, NC 27856): Betty Benson