

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

Welcome & Announcements Hayes Petteway

Call to Worship  
Praise the Lord!  
**Praise God from the heavens.**  
Young men and women alike,  
**old and young together!**  
Let us praise the name of the Lord,  
**whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Smith

\*Call to Confession Hayes Petteway  
Jesus our Lord came into an indifferent world, yet his life revealed the inner thoughts of many. Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we may receive release from our sin.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness Hayes Petteway  
Beloved of God, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels, God covers us with the robe of righteousness. Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God's beloved.

\* The Gloria Patri Unison  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ Hayes Petteway  
The Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**All: And also with you**

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples  
(Preschool - 2nd grade go to children's church)

\* Hymn 147 "The First Nowell" Christmas Carols

Prayer of Illumination Hayes Petteway

*\*Stand if you are able*

Scripture Readings Colossians 3:1-2 Rev. Frankie Carroll

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Fresh Start For The New Year" Rev. Frankie Carroll

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed Unison  
**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering  
As the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so will God cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. With thankful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

\* Doxology Unison

\* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People Hayes Petteway

The Lord's Prayer Unison  
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## DEPART TO SERVE

\* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World" Mason

\* Charge & Benediction Hayes Petteway

\*Congregational Response Unison  
**May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, and joy in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever.**

\* Postlude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

*\*Stand if you are able*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

**Birthdays this week...**

**1/1:** Jennifer Campbell, Greg Goodwin **1/6:** Charles DeVane

**Nursery Volunteers**

**12/31:** Claire DeVane  
**1/7:** Lisa DeVane

**Children's Church**

**12/31:** Teri Hawley  
**1/7:** Mary Hill

**Acolyte Schedule**

**12/31:** Emily Campbell  
**1/7:** Parker Hunt

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, AND MORE**

**1/1:** Church Office will be closed. Happy New Year!!  
**1/2:** Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at 6pm.  
**1/10:** Wednesday Nights Together will resume.  
**1/14:** Stated Session Meeting at 9am in the library.

**Prayer Concerns**

**MEMBERS**

Nell Barnhill  
Bobby Guyton  
Ronnie & Gail Hutchinson  
Ava Duncan  
Merle Graham  
Wayne Edge  
Diane Fisher  
Ritchie Priest  
Karen Campbell  
Bruce Barbour  
Rose Murray  
Lennon Fisher

**NON-MEMBERS**

Wendy Bowen  
Murray Bordeaux  
June Marie Jessup Smith  
Ava Simmons  
Matthew Krause (son of Jan Krause)  
Margret Young  
Jacob Boyd  
Hubert Robbins  
Barbara Moore Turner  
Johnny Prevette  
Carolyn Sanderford (Trey Duncan's grandmother)  
John Shaw  
David Lennon (Kaye Dennis' nephew)  
Terry Lee (Jennifer Campbell's father)  
Stephanie Holland (Susie Holland's daughter-in-law)

Shirley Hough  
Jozee Strickland  
Baylee Harmon  
Allen Barnhill  
Joy Grady  
Ray Beasley  
Dallas Hammond  
Phillip Greene  
Wanda Butler

**ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Chris Campbell 876-0445  
Elizabeth Cole 874-3171  
Lisa DeVane 876-4496  
Marc Edge 876-3723  
Toni Fisher 876-4975  
Hayes Petteway 876-7367

**Class of 2024**

Joy Brice 874-4916  
Connor Bullard 249-3553  
Mollie Glenn 874-2015  
Greg Martin 862-9021  
Willie Kay McDuffie 640-9203  
Bryon Scott 876-1900

**Class of 2025**

Jennifer Campbell 874-0501  
Howell Clark 874-2650  
Terri Hawley 862-9080  
Brett Pool 991-7830  
Ann Warner 862-9004  
Cheryl West 874-2466

**Moderator - Rev. Dayton Wilson**  
**910-398-1016 dayton@etownpresby.org**

**Stated Clerk - Lisa DeVane**



**ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am*

*“We are a community of faith, seeking to know Christ and make Him known in all we say and do.”*

**SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY - December 31, 2023**

**The First Sunday after Christmas  
Gathering Around the Word**

United in ministry by the power of God's Holy Spirit, we welcome you to worship! May the Spirit of God be felt in our shared experience and by being together as people of God united by His eternal love for us.

**Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 am-2 pm & Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm**  
**910.862.3736**

**Rev. Dayton Wilson Pastor**