

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell
Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dayton Wilson
Call to Worship
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters; then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.
The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;
then God said:
This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

*Hymn 145 *"What Child is This"* English Ballad

*Call to Confession Rev. Dayton Wilson
Isaiah proclaimed: Darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you. Let us acknowledge the darkness in our lives, repent of our sin, and receive the light of God's mercy.

*Prayer of Confession Unison
God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed, whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor, or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Dayton Wilson

* 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 Rev. Dayton Wilson
The Peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dayton Wilson

Scripture Readings Isaiah 60:1-6
Mark 1:4-11

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

Sermon Rev. Dayton Wilson

**Stand if you are able*

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 the Offering Rev. Dayton Wilson
The magi brought gifts to Christ at his nativity and offered their lives in worship. With thankful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God through the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Offertory
* Doxology Unison

* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 151 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* Hopkins, Jr.

Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table Rev. Dayton Wilson

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Rev. Dayton Wilson
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Who forever sing to the glory of your name. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the Mystery of Faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking the Bread Rev. Dayton Wilson
The Communion of the People Rev. Dayton Wilson
Prayer After Communion Rev. Dayton Wilson

DEPART TO SERVE

* Hymn 482 *"Baptized in Water"* Grotenhuis
* Charge & Benediction Rev. Dayton Wilson
*Congregational Response **May the Lord, Mighty God.....** Unison
* Postlude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

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

The flower calendar is now available outside the Ladies' Parlor.

Birthdays this week

1/7: Ann MacDuffee; Brad Holland 1/8: Jeff Futrell
1/11: Jenny Barnhill 1/13: Denise Cross; Joe Melvin

Nursery Volunteers

1/7: Lisa DeVane
1/14: Lillian & Julianne DeVane

Children's Church

1/7: Mary Hill
1/14: Lauren Campbell

Acolyte Schedule

1/7: Parker Hunt
1/14: Anne-Carlyle Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE

Congratulations to Wesley & Emily Cross on the birth of their daughter, Alice Graham Cross.

Clark-McClure Scholarship Applications are available on the table outside the church office.

1/10: Wednesday Night Together: Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.; Children's Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m. - Ages 3-6th grade; Covered Dish Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert. The church will provide chicken; Family Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

1/14: Stated Session Meeting at 9 am in the library; 2-Cents-A-Meal Offering

Prayer Concerns

MEMBERS

Nell Barnhill
Bobby Guyton
Ronnie & Gail Hutchinson
Ava Duncan
Merle Graham
Wayne Edge
Diane Fisher
Ritchie Priest
Karen Campbell
Bruce Barbour (CFV Rm 343-V)
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)

The Family of Tim Frush
The Family of Sylvia Gooden
The Family of Dr. Ann Pharr Elks
The Family of Henry Bostic Jr
Shirley Hough
Jozee Strickland
Baylee Harmon
Allen Barnhill
Joy Grady
Ray Beasley
Phillip Greene
Wanda Butler

ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN SESSION

Class of 2024

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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 - January 7, 2024

**Epiphany Sunday
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- 3:00 pm & Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm
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