

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dayton Wilson

Call to Worship & Lighting of Advent Candle Kent, Hawley, Parker, Addison, Sybil and Hampton Hunt

Unison Prayer  
Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

\*Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Cummings

\*Call to Confession Rev. Dayton Wilson

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. 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**

2-Cents-A-Meal Offering EPC Young Disciples

Special Music "Baby Jesus, We Love You" Children's Choir

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

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

Sacrament of Baptism & Welcoming of New Members

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dayton Wilson  
Savior God, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

*\*Stand if you are able*

Scripture Readings Isaiah 40:1-11 Rev. Dayton Wilson  
Mark 1:1-8

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

Sermon Rev. Dayton Wilson

## 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

Offertory "Spread a Little Love" Girl's Quartet

\* Doxology Unison  
**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.**

\* Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dayton Wilson

Prayers of the People Rev. Dayton Wilson

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 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Willis

\* Charge & Benediction Rev. Dayton Wilson

\*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 are given to the Glory of God in honor of Campbell Bullard on her 5th birthday!  
We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Austin, and Lula Mac*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God in honor of The Hobbs Sutton Family.  
Given By: David Cross & Ann Warner*

**Birthdays this week...**  
**12/11:** Campbell Bullard **12/15:** Edwin Herring

<b>Nursery Volunteers</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>Acolyte Schedule</b>
<b>12/10:</b> Lisa DeVane & Toni Fisher	<b>12/10:</b> Lauren Campbell	<b>12/10:</b> Carter DeVane
<b>12/17:</b> Hawley Hunt, Susie Holland & Claire DeVane	<b>12/17:</b> Mary Hill	<b>12/17:</b> No Acolyte (Cantata)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, AND MORE**

**12/13:** Community Advent Service at 12 noon; Rev. Jerrod Lowery at Trinity Methodist.  
**12/13:** Wednesday Night Together: Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.; Children's Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m. - Ages 3-6th grade; Meal at 5:45 p.m.; Interactive Retelling of the Christmas Story at 6:30 p.m.; Adult Choir Practice at 7:15 p.m.

**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  
The Family of Fletcher Kemp

**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)

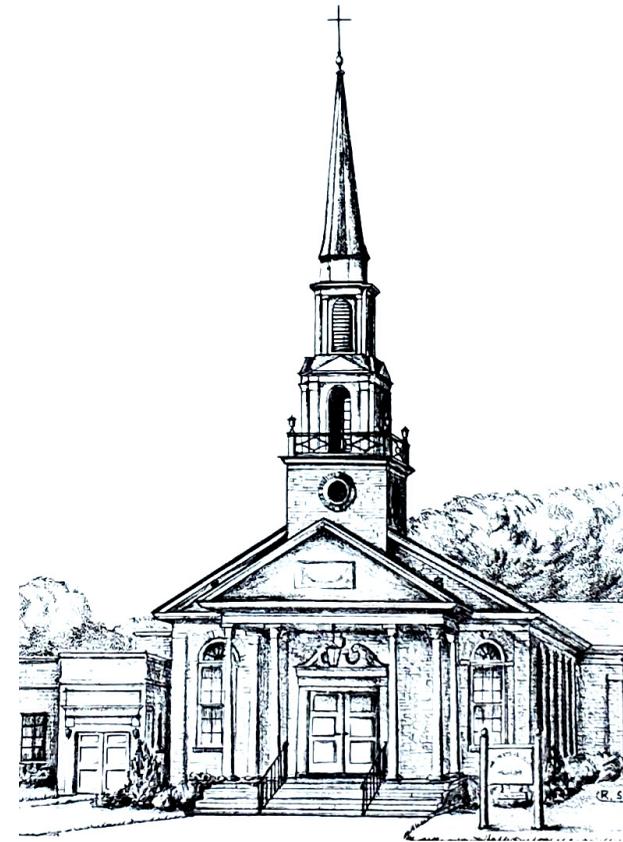
Shirley Hough  
Jozee Strickland  
Baylee Harmon  
Allen Barnhill  
Joy Grady  
Ray Beasley  
Dallas Hammond  
Phillip Greene  
Wanda Butler

**ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN SESSION**

<b>Class of 2023</b>		<b>Class of 2024</b>		<b>Class of 2025</b>	
Chris Campbell	876-0445	Joy Brice	874-4916	Jennifer Campbell	874-0501
Elizabeth Cole	874-3171	Connor Bullard	249-3553	Howell Clark	874-2650
Lisa DeVane	876-4496	Mollie Glenn	874-2015	Terri Hawley	862-9080
Marc Edge	876-3723	Greg Martin	862-9021	Brett Pool	991-7830
Toni Fisher	876-4975	Willie Kay McDuffie	640-9203	Ann Warner	862-9004
Hayes Petteway	876-7367	Bryon Scott	876-1900	Cheryl West	874-2466

**Moderator - Rev. Dayton Wilson**  
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**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 10, 2023**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**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**  
**910.862.3736**

**Rev. Dayton Wilson Pastor**