

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Heritage Worship Service

January 15, 2023

11:00 am



Prelude Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. Mary McDonald
Mamie Sullivan, Organ

*Hymn I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing vv. 1, 2, 4 UMH 333

Welcome Rev. Austin Byerly

*Hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing UMH 519

Responsive Reading .. Isaiah 40 and Martin Luther King Jr.Rev. Austin Byerly
Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

**The ultimate measure of a person is not where he stands in moments of
convenience and comfort,**

but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Even youths will faint and be weary; and the young will fall exhausted.

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

Anthem Ancient Words Mark Hayes

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music O Magnum Mysterium Morten Lauridsen
Jennifer Bruce, Soprano

Message Growing Rev. Tim Paul

*Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy arr. John Purifoy

Benediction

Postlude..... On Jordan's Stormy Banks Traditional Melody
Carolyn Hartsell, Piano

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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Place your offering in the baskets by the doors of the sanctuary,

Mail your offering to PO Box 31047 Knoxville, TN 37930,

Or give online, securely, by using the QR code or visiting

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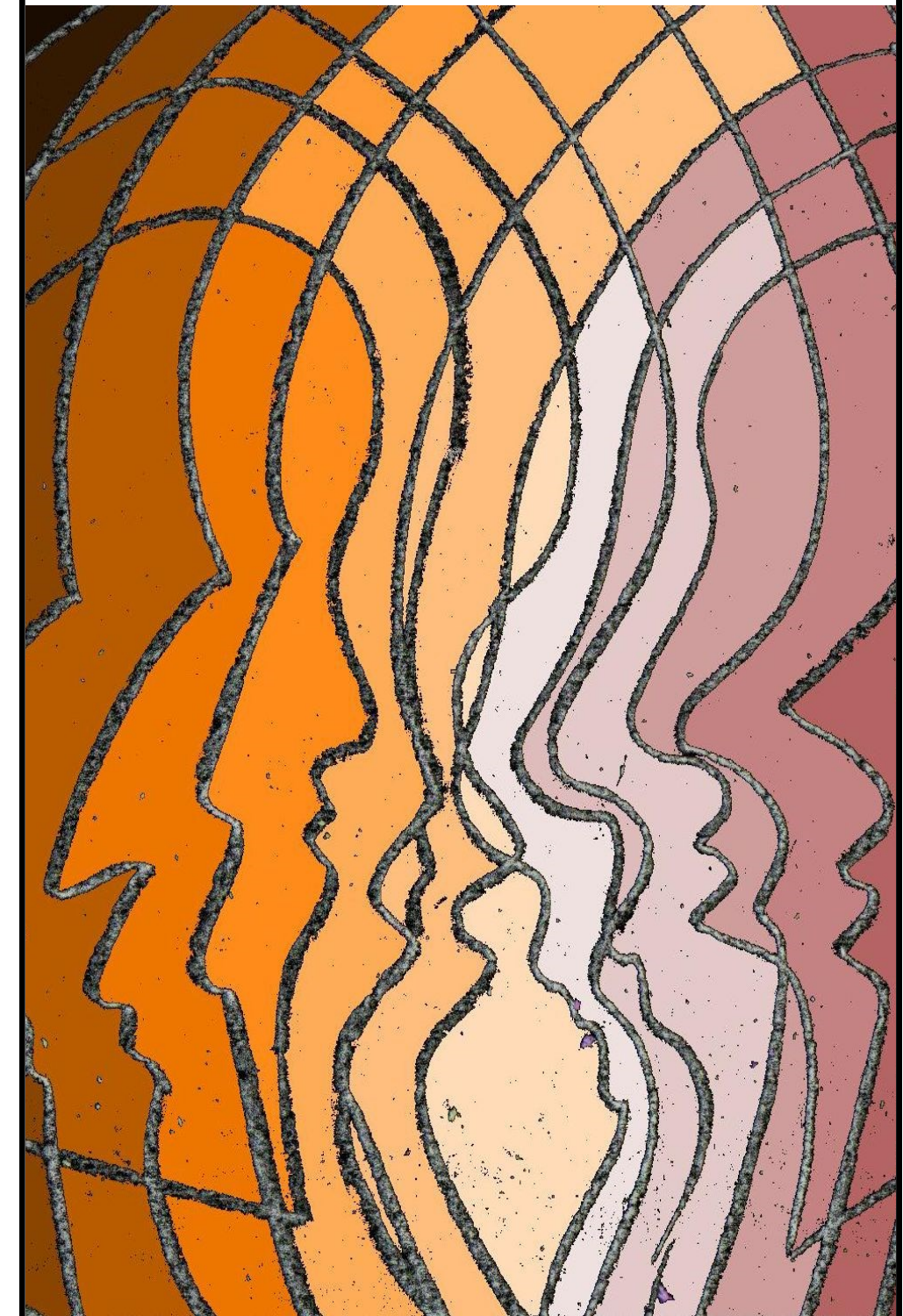
Celebration Worship, 9:00 am ~ Sunday School, 10:00 am ~ Heritage Worship, 11:00am

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WELCOME GUESTS

We are glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a connection card that you can find on the back of the pew in front of you. We invite you to leave us your name and either a phone number or email address so that we can connect with you, learn more about you, and share more about who we are.

BABY SHOWER FOR DANA SHARP REYLAND

Saturday, February 4, 2:00-4:00 pm, Community Room

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Dana Sharp Reyland. The Reylands will welcome a baby girl into the world in March. Dana is registered at Amazon.

LUNCH BUNCH—TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 AT NOON

Everyone is welcome to begin the new year together sharing in fellowship and a good meal. Lunch Bunch will meet this Tuesday, January 17, 12:00 pm in St. Clair Hall. The speaker will be Chris Davis, Executive, Knox County Election Commission, and he will discuss how to keep Knox County election free from fraud. Everyone is invited to join. Please bring a covered dish and a friend.

WATER ANGELS—SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

We will be serving a meal to our friends at Water Angels on Sunday, January 22. The Men's Club donated BBQ, however we need donations of chips and cookies to round out the meal. If you can help, please leave your donations in the bin in the lobby. We also need volunteers to assist in serving the meal. If you are able to help, please meet at the church at 2:00 pm to help load the meal and carpool to Water Angels. Thank you for your support of Water Angels!

MORNING GLORIES BOOK STUDY

Morning Glories meets the first Thursday of every month in the community room. Please join us on February 2 as we fellowship and begin study of our new book, *The Well-Watered Woman* by Gretchen Saffles. If you would like to get the book or have questions, please contact Marjorie Barr, 865-604-1230, or Anita Sharp, 865-789-0715.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

This Thursday, January 19, 10:00 am

All the women of the church are welcome to join us for the next UMW meeting. If you have any questions about the group, please contact Sue Petrie at sue.petrie.slp@gmail.com.

MAGNOLIA AVE. FOOD PANTRY

In December, we distributed 56 grocery bags to our neighbors at Magnolia Ave. This month we are collecting a favorite of the Magnolia Ave. community – peanut butter! Please place your donations of peanut butter in the bin in the lobby. Our next distribution date is Monday, January 23 at 10:00 am.

DAYBREAK

We had a great day together with our friends from Breakthrough on Thursday. We had powerful worship, a fun activity, and a great meal together. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make it a great day. We look forward to hosting our adult friends with autism again on Thursday, February 9. If you are interested in serving in this ministry and have questions, contact Laura Parks, 865-936-1281, or lmparks.lp@gmail.com.

WESLEY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

We continue to assist our neighbors at Wesley House by collecting food for their food pantry. If you would like to help, please drop off your non-perishable food items in the white cabinet outside the church doors. To learn more about the Wesley House food pantry program, visit their website at: www.wesleyhouseknox.org/foodpantry.

LADIES MEET 'N' CHAT

Ladies, you are invited for coffee and socializing on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 at KBrew (across the street from the church).



MEN'S COFFEE

All the men of the church are invited to catch up while having their morning coffee at 9:00 on Thursday mornings in the annex.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm—Youth Group (Annex)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16—OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm—AA Men's Book Study (Community Room)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 am—Ladies Meet 'n' Chat (KBrew at 1000 Ebenezer Rd.)
10:30 am—Staff Meeting (Lobby)
12:00 pm—Lunch Bunch (St. Clair Hall)
3:30 pm—Youth Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Scouts (Library)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)
10:00 am—UMW Meeting (Community Room)
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
7:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Community Room)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00 pm—Youth Depart for Resurrection

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

10:00 am—Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm—Youth Return from Resurrection
2:00 pm—Meet at Church for Water Angels

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church's new office hours are **Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—2:00 pm**. Should a need arise outside of Office Hours, please contact Pastor Tim, tpaul@eumcknox.org, or Pastor Austin, abyerly@eumcknox.org.

OFFICE CLOSED—MONDAY, JANUARY 16

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Church Office will resume normal hours on Tuesday.

INVITATION TO ENTER 2023 WITH US IN PRAYER!

The EUMC Prayer Team is kicking off 2023 with an in-person prayer meeting at the church on Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am. If you have ever been a part of the prayer team or would like to see what we are all about, we would love for you to join us for this time of prayer and fellowship!

Questions? Contact Anita Sharp, 865-789-0715, or als2531@bellsouth.net.

2022	December	YTD
Actual General Fund Income	\$96,458.25	\$614,343.21
Budgeted General Fund Income	\$50,000.00	\$600,000.00
Over/Under Budget	\$46,458.25	\$14,343.21
Actual Building Fund Income	\$27,087.30	\$198,350.55
Mission Giving (includes Holston Conference Tithe and Smoky Mountain District Apportionment)	\$11,215.41	\$89,306.64

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are excited to officially welcome Kirk Finnerty and Susan Clear as members of Ebenezer. They have been part of our community for a while now, and we are excited they have joined through church membership. Welcome, Kirk and Susan!

ALTAR FLOWERS 2023

Ebenezer would like to offer an opportunity for you to place flowers on the altar in honor or remembrance of someone important, a special event, or something important in your life. You can either buy two smaller arrangements to go on the altar or one large arrangement to place on the table between the front windows below the cross. The arrangements need to be in place before the 9:00 service on the Sunday of your choice. Sign up on the calendar in the lobby. Questions? Contact Susan McMahan, 865-414-7807, or mcmahonsw@charter.net.



RESURRECTION 2023—JANUARY 20-22



Our youth are anticipating their annual trip to Resurrection next weekend. Resurrection is an amazing retreat event of worship and spiritual growth for thousands of youth and youth mentors from the area. Please pray for our youth and chaperones as they prepare to embark on this spiritual retreat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet for Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the Annex.



YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT— 5:00-6:00 PM

Tonight, the youth will gather for Youth Group in the Annex. Tonight we will continue our Who Am I? series by continuing our conversation about "What is my personality?".

Children's Ministry

If you have questions about the Children's Ministry at Ebenezer, please contact Whitney Douglas at childrensministry@eumcknox.org.

NURSERY

An infant and toddler nursery is provided from 9:00—12:00 on Sunday mornings. Worship worry-free, as our wonderful nursery worker, Ms. Sherry cares for your little ones.

PRE-K—5TH GRADE

During both the 9:00 and 11:00 am services, our Pre-K—5th graders worship together in Power JAM.

TALKING ABOUT EMOTIONS

This month in Power JAM, we are working through a series all about emotions. This Sunday we continue our series by talking about fear. Everybody is afraid of something. The good news is that Jesus can help calm our fears. We will be teaching from Mark 4:35-41, when Jesus calmed the storm. We will discuss that trusting in Jesus can help us get through our fears.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:00 AM

Sunday School is back! We are so excited to welcome Mrs. Elyse to our children's ministry team. She will be leading our Pre-K—2nd grade Sunday school class. Our 3rd—5th graders will be led by Mrs. Whitney. We have exciting things planned for the Sunday School hour (even some science experiments)! Please join us for Sunday School!