

**Heritage Worship Service**

February 23, 2025

11:00 am

Prelude.....Praeludium.....J. Andre'  
Edward Pierce, Organ

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Austin Byerly

\*Opening Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation v. 1,2,4,5.....UMH 545

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada.....UMH 883

*We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

\*Hymn.....Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life v. 1,3,5,6.....UMH 427

Scripture Lesson.....Matthew 7:24-27.....Rev. Austin Byerly

Anthem.....Ancient Words.....arr. Mark Hayes  
Heritage Choir

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music.....Be Still.....Daniel Barta  
Jennifer Bruce, Soprano

Message.....Getting our Hopes up for Generations.....Rev. Tim Paul

\*Closing Hymn.....Freely, Freely.....UMH 389

\*Benediction

Postlude.....Toccat.....J. Krieger  
Edward Pierce, Organ

*The altar flowers today are given by Sherry Miller for Haylee Miller.*

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**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**



To participate in worship through giving: 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 [www.eumcknox.org](http://www.eumcknox.org).

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# Getting Our Hopes Up

A STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES



Good people leave their grandchildren an inheritance,  
but the wealth of sinners is stored up for the righteous.

**Proverbs 13:22**



## 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. Leave us your name and contact information so that we can connect with you and share more about who we are. Also, if you need them, we have a **Cry Room** and a **Sensory Room** on the right side of the sanctuary, as well as a **Nursing Room** in the Children's Wing. We're thankful you're here!

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE—MAKE SURE TO DONATE THIS WEEK

Ebenezer is participating in the Love Your Neighbor campaign again this year! This campaign is a movement to inspire peace, love, and unity, and is an opportunity to get together with our neighbors and celebrate our unique cultures and differences. We currently have a collection barrel in the lobby for donations, in partnership with Second Harvest of East TN. If you'd like to donate, needed items include peanut butter, canned proteins, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and soups.

### MINISTRIES AT EBENEZER

Looking for new ways to get involved at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one or all of these ministries below!

Get Involved In A Ministry!

**Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry**—Tomorrow we are distributing bags of food at Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry. If you'd like to volunteer and serve, meet at the church at 10 am to load up cars and carpool to the Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated this month!

**Altar Flowers**—Sign up to bring flowers in honor or remembrance of someone important or a special event! The sign-up calendar is in the lobby. **There are lots of dates to be filled so don't forget to sign up!**

**Wesley House**—With expensive food prices, Wesley House is not able to acquire enough food necessary for their food pantry. If you're able, please help by donating canned goods (**veggies, fruit, beans, meats, soup**) in the container in St. Clair Hall.

**Helping Hands**—A ministry that helps with projects for those in need. Reach out to Ken Pearson to get started.

**Partner With Us In Prayer**—Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 25**, at 6:30 pm.

**Visit Ministry**—Contact Celia or Barbara to join a group that visits with those who can't physically join us!

### SERVING AT EBENEZER

Want to get more involved in the worship services on Sunday mornings at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one or all of these ministries!

**SERVE ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

**Serving Communion**—We are looking for people to serve communion in both the Celebration Service and the Heritage Service. To serve, reach out to Pastor Austin.

**Serving on the Tech Team**—If you have a passion or interest in technology, we'd love your help on the Tech Team! We're looking for people to help run announcement / sermon slides, control a camera for our livestream, or run audio. Reach out to our worship leader Todd Burkholder (burkholder.todd@gmail.com) or Meagan in the front office (office@eumcknox.org) to start volunteering!

**Be an Usher/Greeter**—We are looking for people to be a friendly face on Sunday mornings to everyone who walks in the building! Duties include things like handing out bulletins, directing people where to go, picking up the offering, and more. If this is something you're interested in, reach out to Meagan in the front office by emailing office@eumcknox.org or calling (865) 691-8330.

### JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

**Women's Coffee**—Ladies, grab a cup of coffee and enjoy each other's company every Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Community Room!

**Men's Coffee**—Men, enjoy your Thursday morning cup of coffee together every Thursday at 9 am in the Annex.



## THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)  
11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm—Chamber Music Concert (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm—Youth Group (Annex)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 am—Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry  
10:00 am—Isaiah 117 House Prayer Walk (10am-12pm)  
5:00 pm—Isaiah 117 House Prayer Walk (5-7pm)  
6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:00 am—Storytime With Mrs. Alicia (Power JAM)  
10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)  
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)  
5:30 pm—KSO Youth Chamber Music Rehearsals (Sanctuary, various locations)  
6:30 pm—Church Council Meeting (St. Clair Hall)  
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:30 am—WaTT  
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

10:00 am—DAR Meeting (St. Clair Hall)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am—Celebration Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)  
11:00 am—Heritage Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm—Youth Group (Annex)

### KNOXVILLE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT—TODAY

There will be a free concert by Knox Music Box here at Ebenezer this evening! The concert will be in the Sanctuary starting at 6 pm and will feature KSO members Joshua Ulrich (violin), Sarah Senn (cello), and Emi Kagawa (piano).

### ISAIAH 117 HOUSE PRAYER WALK—MONDAY

Isaiah 117 House, a nonprofit in Knoxville that Ebenezer supports, is having a Prayer Walk on Monday. There will be two times to join: 10 am to 12 pm, or 5 pm to 7 pm. For privacy reasons, the organization does not publicly share their location, so reach out to Meagan in the church office for the address of the Prayer Walk.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—TUESDAY

There will be a Church Council meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 pm in St. Clair Hall.

### WALK AND TALK TOGETHER—WEDNESDAYS

WaTT (Walk and Talk Together) will be meeting this Wednesday at 10:30 am in the church parking lot! Join a wonderful group of folks for an easy walk and lunch after.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY

UMW will be meeting this Thursday since they were not able to meet last week. They will meet at 10 am in the Community Room. All women of the church are invited!

If you have questions about our Youth Ministry or want more information on the activities listed below, reach out to Pastor Austin Byerly, Associate Pastor and Youth Director, at [abyerly@eumcknox.org](mailto:abyerly@eumcknox.org)



### JOIN US FOR YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

#### Sunday School This Morning

We will meet for Sunday School this morning at 10 am in the Annex. Join us!

#### Youth Group

Join us tonight in the Annex from 5—7 pm for a time of fun, food, and growing in our faith together!

### UPCOMING IN YOUTH

**Regular Youth Group**—Next Sunday from 5—7 pm in the Annex.

If you have questions about our Children's Ministry or want more information on the activities below, contact Alicia Wilson, Children's Director, at [childrensministry@eumcknox.org](mailto:childrensministry@eumcknox.org)



### Children's Ministry

### JOIN US THIS MORNING FOR CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

#### Power JAM—9 am & 11 am (for Pre-K through 5th grade)

We're excited continue our series *Why is the Bible Relevant to Me?* Through this series, we'll help kids discover how God speaks through His Word to those who listen, offering guidance and correction for their lives. Together, we'll explore key themes like the Bible as God's true Word and how to use it as a guide for daily living.

#### Sunday School—10 am (for Pre-K through 5th grade)

There is always something exciting planned for Sunday School as Ms. Katie leads our Pre-K—2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday school class and Mrs. Alicia leads our 3<sup>rd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> graders!

#### Nursery—9 am to 12 pm (for infants and toddlers)

A nursery is available for your young children from 9 am to 12 pm on Sundays while you are here. Worship worry-free, as Mrs. Sherry cares for your little ones!

### STORYTIME WITH MRS. ALICIA—TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

Join us for Storytime with Mrs. Alicia! Every Tuesday at 10 am, bring your little ones (ages 1-5) for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts. Everyone is welcome—come connect, learn, and grow with our community!



### SNACKS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is in need of nut-free, individually-wrapped snacks (such as gold fish, rice crispy treats, crackers, or chips) donated for the kids. If you're able to donate snacks, bring them to the church and drop them off in the Children's wing.

### UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON AT EBENEZER

It's hard to believe that it's almost time to prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter Season, but it will be here before we know it! Here are just a few things coming up at Ebenezer during this Lenten season.



#### Ash Wednesday Service—March 5

We will be having an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary on March 5. There will be an activity for children in Power Jam this night as well!

#### Lent Family Sunday School Class—Starting March 9

Starting on March 9 at 10 am, we will be having a Family Sunday School Class! We encourage parents, children, and youth to be part of this 6-week Sunday School class. We will be focusing on spiritual practices and how we can incorporate them into our daily lives. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet, connect, and grow deeper with other families in the church!