Celebration Worship Service

November 15, 2026
9:00 am

Invitation to Worship .....Chris McCreary

*Opening Song.....Bigger Table

Welcome and Announcements .....Rev. Austin Byerly

*Worship Song .....I Know A Name

*Worship Song.....We Are

Offering Moment & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading....2 Cor. 9:5-9 and Matthew 25:24-25.....Eden & Sophia Wehking

Message .....Our Capacity for More .....Rev. Mike Sluder

*Closing Song .....Oceans

*Benediction

Postlude

The altar flowers are given in memory of Lee Ford.
by Sarah, Erin, and Hayley.

Welcome Guests!

We are so glad you're here! We'd love to connect with you, and invite you to fill out a connection card (green header) from the pew in front of you. Share 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 Mom's Room** in the Children's Wing.

Worship through Giving

To participate in worship through giving: place your offering in the baskets by the sanctuary doors; mail your offering to PO Box 31047, Knoxville TN 37930; or give online by using the QR code or visiting *www.eumcknox.org.*
Your generosity makes a real difference. Through your giving, we are able to support ministries that nurture faith in our children and youth, care for those in need in our community, create meaningful opportunities for worship and connection, and share the love of Christ both near and far. Thank you for being part of what God is doing!

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Heritage Worship Service

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11:00 am

Prelude .....Festival Prelude on Thaxted.....arr. David Pettit
Edward Pierce, Organ, and Jamie Wilson, Trumpet

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

*Opening Hymn.....God of the Ages, vv. 1,2,4 .....UMH 698

Affirmation of Faith .....Apostle's Creed .....UMH 881

Gloria Patri .....Glory Be to the Father .....UMH 70

*Hymn .....I Want To Be Ready .....UMH 722

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 25:24-25 .....Vivienne Montgomery

Anthem .....It's Me, O Lord.....arr. Warren Clark
Jamie Wilson, Trumpet

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Special Music .....The Meditations of My Heart.....Elaine Hagenberg
Kathryn Paden, Soprano

Message .....Our Capacity for More .....Rev. Mike Sluder

*Closing Hymn.....Spirit Song .....UMH 347

*Benediction

Postlude.....O God, Our Help In Ages Past.....arr. Jean Middlesworth
Edward Pierce, Organ

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Sunday Service

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Find your place, build meaningful relationships, and grow together as God's people.

Packing Party for Warming Shelter Today!

Join us today during the Sunday School hour for our Warming Shelter Packing Party! We will enjoy being together as we pack up bags to donate to the West Knoxville Warming Shelter located at Cokesbury. By supporting the West Knoxville Warming Shelter, we are playing an important role in saving lives and witnessing to our community of what it means to love our neighbor! Come join us!

Prayer Walk For Our Children's Ministry - Next Sunday!

Join us following the combined worship service **on November 22** for a prayer walk through our children's ministry areas. Our new children's ministry room is opening, and we want to celebrate by covering our whole children's wing in prayer! Together we'll pray for the children who learn and grow here, the families who will walk through the doors, and the volunteers who will share God's love each week. As we begin this exciting new chapter, we also invite you to consider being part of our children's ministry. Whether you love teaching, playing, creating, or simply encouraging little one's, **there's a place for you!**

Men's Club Christmas Breakfast - December 12

Men, this is your invitation to pull up a chair for a hearty Christmas breakfast hosted by our Men's Club. Biscuits and gravy, omelets. bacon, eggs, sausage--everything you'd hope for on a December morning. After breakfast, the Men's Club will share proceeds from their BBQ sales to support various missions and ministries. This is a great chance to slow down, enjoy a wonderful meal, and spend time with others as we begin the season.

Charge Conference - November 18

This year's charge conference will be here at Ebenezer in St. Clair Hall on Wednesday, November 18, starting at 6 pm. You are welcome to attend and share in the celebration of our ministry this year. However, only church council members have a vote.

Order Poinsettias!



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas season in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out the order form in your bulletin and return it with your offering or bring it to the church office. Forms are due by **Monday, December 7.** These beautiful poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary beginning **Sunday, December 13**, adding to the joy and beauty of our Christmas worship.

United Methodist Women - Thursday

Our United Methodist Women (UMW) are looking forward to gathering this Thursday at 10 am in the Community Room. All women of the church are invited! Contact Sue Petrie with any questions about UMW. See you Thursday!

Help Decorate for Christmas on November 23



If you are able to help decorate our church for Christmas **please let Stacey in the office know this week!** (office@eumcknox.org) More details can be found in your holiday insert!

Join Us For Coffee!



Women's Meet and Chat—Ladies, grab a cup of something you love and enjoy each other's company every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am in the Community Room! Please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.

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, November 15
9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
10:00 am—Warming Center Dinner Bags Packing Event (St. Clair Hall)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm—Sunday Night Youth (Annex)

Monday. November 16
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, November 17
9:30 am—Women's Meet and Chat (Community Room)
11:00 am—Qigong with Mona (Lobby)
5:30 pm—Chamber Music Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm—Cub Scout Pack Meeting (St. Clair Hall)

Wednesday, November 18
6:00 pm—Charge Conference (St. Clair Hall)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 19
9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)
10:00 am—UMW Meeting (Community Room)
5:00 pm—One Knox Soccer Youth Club (Soccer Field)
7:00 pm—AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings (Various Locations)

Friday, November 20
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, November 21
8:00 am—Veteran's Day Breakfast (St. Clair Hall)

Sunday, November 22
10:00 am—**One Combined Service - Commitment Sunday**

One Combined Service - Next Sunday!

Join us next Sunday, **November 22, at 10 am** for one combined worship service as we celebrate Commitment Sunday! We'll give thanks for all God is doing at Ebenezer and look ahead with excitement to the opportunities God is placing before us. Together we'll make our commitments to support the 2027 day-to-day ministry and mission of our church as we continue to live out the vision: to be a church where everyone is inspired by God's love, invited into God's community, and involved in God's mission.

Many Voices, One Story—Sunday, December 6, 3 pm



Join us for a special evening of Christmas music, at Central UMC, as the combined choirs of Ebenezer UMC, Central UMC Knoxville, Central UMC Lenoir City, and St. Mark UMC, together with the hand bell ensemble of Bearden UMC come together to bring us *The Good News of Christmas.*

Veteran's Breakfast

The monthly Veteran's breakfast at Ebenezer will be this Saturday, from 8-9:30 am in St. Clair Hall. This free breakfast is put on by The United Veteran's Council of East Tennessee, Inc, in partnership with Irreverent Warriors, and is for all veterans, active duty soldiers, and their guests.

Choir Rehearsal—Wednesdays

The Heritage Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Come share your voice, fellowship, and the joy of the Christmas season with us. We would love you have you join the choir!

Involved in God's Mission

Participate in God's mission by using your gifts to serve others and make God's love visible in the world.

Magnolia Avenue Food Ministry

Thanks for being involved in God's mission last month through your donations to our Magnolia Avenue Food Ministry, specifically, for your donations of peanut butter. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Last week we had 9 volunteers and handed out 75 bags.
This month we will be collecting soup. If you would like to be involved in God's mission at Magnolia Ave., meet at Ebenezer on November 23 at 9:30 am. Thank you for your involvement in God's mission at Magnolia Avenue through your prayers, donations, generosity, and your time!

Our 2026 Advent Giving Tree



Our 2026 Advent Giving Tree will be in the lobby the week before Thanksgiving.

Take a tag (or two) from the tree in the lobby and fulfill the wishes on the front. This year we will be serving the Grannies, local schools, and our Hispanic friends. The gifts will be due by Sunday, December 13. There will be a sign up sheet next to the Giving Tree; when you take a tag, please write your name next to the corresponding number that's on the tag on the sign-up sheet. When you return the gifts, place all the items in a single bag with the tag firmly attached.

Wesley House Food Pantry

Rising food costs are making it harder for many of our neighbors to put food on the table. We can be involved in God's mission by responding with generosity and helping provide something as basic and important as a meal. Help stock the Wesley House Food Pantry by donating canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Place your donations in the collection bin in the hallway, and together we can help ensure our neighbors have food on their tables.

Inspired by God's Love

Experience God's love that forms your identity, renews your heart, and draws you into life with the Creator.

Children's Ministry

Join Us For Our November Series!

Join us for our November series, "Top Secret!" Through the story of Esther and Mordecai, kids will discover how God works behind the scenes and calls us to live with courage and faith. In this series, children will learn that God gives each of us a mission, helps us stand up for others, calls us to follow him at all times, and can use us to bring peace to the world around us.

Santa Breakfast - December 5



Join us for a free Breakfast with Santa on December 5, from 9-11 am! Enjoy delicious food, festive crafts, and a chance to meet Santa himself! Bring the whole family for a morning full of holiday cheer! Reach out to Ms. Alicia, our Children's Ministry Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org with questions or to volunteer!

Little JAM Room!

We're excited to welcome our youngest learners into our **brand-new Little JAM** (Jesus and Me) classroom! As our Children's Ministry continues to grow, we're grateful to have the opportunity to create a special space for our preschool and kindergarten children to learn, play, worship, and grow in their faith together. We invite you to be part of this exciting new chapter in our Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and we can't wait to see all that God will do through it!