Christ the King Sunday
One Service
November 22, 2026
10:00 am

Prelude .....All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.....arr. Morgan Braman
Edward Pierce, Organ

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

*Opening Hymn .....Crown Him With Many Crowns .....UMH 327

Responsive Reading.....Rev. Austin Byerly

*Worship Song .....In Christ Alone .....Stuart Townsend

Scripture Reading .....Ephesians 1:15-23.....Lincoln White

Anthem .....A Thanksgiving Tapestry .....John Purifoy
Heritage Choir

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Worship Song.....O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing.....arr. David Crowder Band
Heritage Choir & Celebration Band

Message .....Hope, Inheritance and Power.....Rev. Mike Sluder

Stewardship Commitment Moment

*Closing Hymn.....Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service vv. 1,2,4.....UMH 581

*Benediction

Postlude .....Build Your Kingdom Here .....Rend Collective
Celebration Band

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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Invited into God's Community

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

Prayer Walk Through Our Children's Ministry After Service!

Join us following the combined worship service this morning 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!**

Help Decorate For Christmas tomorrow!



We need volunteers to help us decorate our church for the Christmas season! If you're able, please join us tomorrow, November 23, starting at 10:00 am. There will be a light lunch of finger foods set up in the Community Room so that you can nibble as we decorate. If you can volunteer, we'd love to see you in the morning!

Michael Rodgers in Worship on Sunday, November 29



We are excited to have Michael Rodgers with us in both worship services next Sunday, December 29. He will be singing in the Celebration Service and in the Heritage Worship Service. Michael performs with Knoxville Opera, Marble City Opera, Knoxville Opera Gospel Choir, is a member of the Tri-Octaves, A-Chord, and is a featured soloist at Cokesbury and Christ UMC. Michael is also a special education teacher with Knox County Schools. We are excited for him to be with us!

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

Join us for a special afternoon of Christmas music, at Central UMC Knoxville, 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*!

Fiber Fellowship - Tuesday from 6-8 pm

You're invited into God's community through shared creativity, conversation, and fellowship as we knit, or crochet hats, scarves, and gloves for those in need in Fiber Fellowship. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 pm.

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, 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 each other as we begin the season.

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 on Sunday, December 13, adding to the joy and beauty of our Christmas worship.

Join our Prayer team!

Partner With Us In Prayer—We'll meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 24th, at 6:30 pm. To join or submit a prayer request, contact Anita at als2531@bellsouth.net.

This Week at Ebenezer

Sunday, November 22
10:00 am—**Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

Monday, November 23
9:30 am—Magnolia Avenue (Meet at the Annex)
10:00 am—Church Christmas Decorating
6:00 pm—Yoga with Tammy (Lobby)

Tuesday, November 24
9:30 am—Women's Meet & Chat (Community Room)
11:00 am—Staff Meeting
5:30 pm—Chamber Music Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm—Fiber Fellowship (Library)
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 25 - OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
No Scheduled Events.

Thursday, November 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
7:00 pm—AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings (Sanctuary, Various Locations)

Friday, November 27
No Scheduled Events.

Saturday, November 28
No Scheduled Events.

Sunday, November 29 - Advent Begins
9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)

2026	October	YTD as of 10/31/26
Actual Operating Budget Income	$29,221.70	$ 531,389.66
Budgeted Operating Budget Income	$ 54,997.08	$ 549,970.84
Operating Budget Giving—Under Budget	**-$25,775.38**	**-$-18,581.18**
Actual Building Fund Income	$11,068.05	$268,997.63
Budgeted Building Fund Income (*based on mortgage*)	$ 14,830.71	$148,307.10
Building Fund Giving—Under Budget for the month, Over for the year	**-$3,762.66**	$120,690.53
Mission Giving (*includes Holston Conference Tithe and Tennessee Valley District Apportionment*)	$ 4,463.49	$70,612.34

Commitment Sunday

Thank you for the many ways you give of yourselves to support the ministry and mission of Ebenezer! Today, we invite you to prayerfully complete your 2027 Estimate of Giving card for Ebenezer's Day-to-Day Operating Budget. Your generosity makes ministry possible throughout the year, from worship and discipleship to caring for our neighbors, supporting children and families, and creating a place where everyone is inspired by God's love, invited into God's Community and involved in God's mission.

Happy Thanksgiving!



We hope you have a wonderful and peaceful Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude and sweet times with family and friends! We are so thankful for everyone at Ebenezer and pray you experience God's goodness and kindness this week! Whether you are gathering around a full table, traveling to be with loved ones, or enjoying a quiet day at home, we hope you take time to pause, give thanks and reflect on the many blessings God has provided throughout this year. We also say a special prayer for those experiencing grief or loneliness during this holiday.

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

Thank you for being involved in God's mission this month through your donations to our Magnolia Avenue Food Ministry and your time in volunteering. This month, we are collecting canned soup. If you'd like to participate, drop off your donation in the bucket in the hallway. If you'd like to serve a group will be meeting tomorrow morning, November 23rd at 9:30 am in the church parking lot. Come and join them!

Our 2026 Advent Giving Tree



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

Advent Devotionals in the Lobby!

As we enter the inspiring season of Advent, we are inviting you to pick up an Advent devotional in the lobby to help Involve you and your family in preparing to celebrate this Christmas. There are two options available, one for individuals and one for families with children. Please stop by the table in the lobby to pick up your copy. We look forward to worshiping together in this most holy of seasons.

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 place for our preschool and kindergarten children to learn, play, worship, and grow in their faith together. We invite you to be a 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!

Children Singing In Worship!

During worship on Sunday, December 13, our Children's Ministry will help lead us in worship! The rehearsal for this will be Saturday, December 12, 10 am to 12pm.