Celebration Worship Service

November 8, 2026
9:00 am

*Opening Song.....I Thank God

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

*Worship Song .....O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

*Worship Song.....In Christ Alone

Offering Moment and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading.....1 Corinthians 12:31-13:7; 13:8-13.....Logan and Laura Pile

Message.....Using Your Abilities .....Rev. Mike Sluder
Matthew 25:16-23

*Closing Song .....Good Grace

*Benediction

Postlude

The altar flowers are given in memory of her beloved brother, Richard L. Cherry.

By Wendy Cherry.

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 visiitng 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 opportuniÐes 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

November 8, 2026
11:00 am

Prelude.....The Lord's My Shepherd.....arr. Raymond Haan
Edward Pierce, Organ

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

*Opening Hymn.....Be Thou My Vision.....UMH 451

Responsive Reading

*Hymn.....Open My Eyes, That I May See.....UMH 454

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 25:16-23.....Rev. Austin Byerly

Anthem.....Land of Pure Delight.....Joseph Martin

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music.....Cry No More.....Dan Forrest
Dowe Cauthen, Baritone

Message .....Using Your Abilities.....Rev. Mike Sluder

*Closing Hymn.....Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing.....UMH 671

*BenedicÐon

Postlude.....Sonata in D.....Domenico Scarlatti
Edward Pierce, Organ

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Invited into God's Community

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

WEST KNOXVILLE WARMING SHELTER SNACK BAGS

We are continuing our partnersip with the West Knoxville Emergency Warming Shelter at Cokesbury this winter! Through this ministry, we help provide warmth and safety for our neighbors when temperatures drop. It is one way we are involved in God's mission and show our community what it means to love our neighbors.

On **Sunday, November 15**, our children, youth, and families will gather to pack 750 bags of supplies for the shelter, and we need your help! We are collecting donations of the following items:



- Peanut butter crackers
- Nutri-grain bars
- Fruit cups
- Chewy granola bars
- Little Debbie cakes
- Squeezable applesauce pouches
- Individual trail mix bags
- Fruit strips or individual bags of dried fruit
- Slim Jims

Please drop off donations in the collection bin in the Lobby by Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors and provide a little warmth and encouragment this winter!

ONE COMBINED SERVICE!

Join us on 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 our vision: to be a church where everyone is inspired by God's love, invited into God's community, and involved in God's mission

DAYBREAK

We look forward to hosting our adult friends with autism on Thursday at 10:30 am for a morning of worship, activities, and lunch. If you are iinterested in serving, be at the church at 9:30 am. If you have questions about Daybreak, contact Debbie Norris.

FARMERS MARKET

Join us every Tuesday starting at 3 pm in the parking lot for the Farmer's Market! This event features fresh produce, baked goods, bath and body care products, fresh-cut flowers, locally-raised meats and eggs, arts and crafts, and more. This year they have decided to extend into the month of December to give everyone an opportunity to shop for Christmas! For more information on the market or to reach out to someone with specific questions, visit easttnfarmmarkets.com.

WALK AND TALK TOGETHER - THURSDAY

Join WaTT (Walk and Talk Together) this Thursday! They will meet at 10:30 am in the church parking lot to carpool together to the day's walking location and lunch. For more information, reach out to Amy Aspenwall, Nancy Connors or Joan Henn.

Like light bulbs, wattages vary, so do individual energy levels, so this group will walk in parks and on paths that encourage various levels of interest and ability, with places to sit and enjoy nature. They hope to "let their lights shine" by supporting each other in life's walk.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
10:00 am—Parents and Coffee (St. Clair Hall)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm—Sunday Night Youth (Annex)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
10:00 am—Fiber Fellowship (Library)
6:00 pm—Yoga w/Tammy

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VETERAN'S DAY
5:30 pm—Epic of Eden (Fellowship Classroom)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)
10:30 am—Walk and Talk Together (WaTT)
10:30 am—Daybreak (Sanctuary and St. Clair Hall)
5:00 pm—One Knox Soccer Youth Club (Soccer Field)
7:00 pm—AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings (Various Locations)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
5:00 pm—Brownie Troop Meeting
5:00 pm—AA Speaker Event

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
No Scheduled Events

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

HONORING OUR VETERAN'S

This Wednesday, November 11, is Veteran's Day and we offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have served in our nation's armed forces. We recognize their service and sacrifices, along with their families.

Please join us in praying for our veterans - for peace, strength, healing and the support they need. May we express our gratitude not only in words, but through kindness, firendship and care throughout the year.

To our veterans: we are so thankful for you and your service to our country!

HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS - 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).

YOUNG ADULTS (SALT) - STAY CONNECTED!

Whether our young adults are serving the community, sharing a meal, or making time to connect, SALT (Serving All Loving Together) is about building relationships and serving our community. Young adults, want to stay connected?

Join the SALT GroupMe by scanning the QR code!

Involved in God's Mission

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

MAGNOLIA HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Thanks for being involved in God's mission this month through your donations to our Magnolia Avenue Food Ministry, specifically, for your donations of canned soup. Our 8 volunteers handed out 75 bags. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you! This month we will be collecting canned soup.

If you would like to be involved in God's mission at Magnolia Ave., meet at Ebenezer Monday, 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!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Helping Hands is inviting volunteers and donors to help support practical acts of care, encouragement, and kindness in our community. Volunteers are especially needed with help with collecting and storing food for families.

We will soon be setting up a Kindness Corner with serving opportunities, testimonials, and kindness cups filled with small items to uplift recipients. What should go in the cups? Share ideas for items, inspirational stories, motivational literature, or anything that has uplifted you and made you feel special. Donations are always accepted and needed. Join us in sharing kindness through Helping Hands. Contact Ken Pearson for more information.

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 idenity, 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, call us to follow him at all times, and can use us to bring peace to the world around us.

LOVE OUR CHILDREN? COME SERVE IN OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

If you're here on Sundays and have a heart for our children, we'd love for you to volunteer in our children's ministry! Generosity is about more than what we give -- it's also about sharing our time and care with others. Your time and care can help make Sunday mornings a welcoming place for our children to learn and grow. Interested? Please contact Ms. Alicia, our Children's Director to learn how you can help!

PRAYER WALK FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Join us following worship 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 minsitry. Whether you love teaching, playing, creating or simply encouraging little one's, there's a place for you!