



# Eudora

## United Methodist Church



**December 14, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

# Welcome to Eudora United Methodist Church!

We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a member, being baptized, being part of a small group for study or fellowship, or becoming part of a ministry team.

## **FOR PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN**

- Children are always welcome in worship.
  - The nursery is for children up to 36 months old.
  - A cry room is located at the rear of the sanctuary.
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## **INCLUSION STATEMENT**

We declare Eudora United Methodist Church to be an open and affirming church, welcoming all persons, regardless of gender, race, physical or mental ability, economic status, marital status, age, ethnic background, nationality, or sexual orientation.

Therefore, this congregation joyfully and unequivocally welcomes all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our community of faith.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are living into God's dream of a community that welcomes everyone, grows spiritually and serves others.

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**Bell Choir**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Beloved, we gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.

**All:** We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

**Leader:** We worship with joy now, confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.

**All:** We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

**Leader:** We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise, as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done and will do among us.

**All:** We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

**Leader:** Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.

**All:** Come! Let us rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025.*

**Verse 1**

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.  
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

**Verse 2**

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,  
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,”  
for his name is “God with us,” our brother shall be,  
with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

**Verse 4**

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,  
yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,  
for he lives in all Christians and is with us now;  
again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Reader 1:** In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God’s salvation.

**All:** We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).

**Reader 2:** We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

*Light the third candle (pink) of the Advent wreath.*

**ADVENT SONG**

**“Light the Advent Candle”**

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**Verse 2**

Light the Advent candle, three:  
Think of heavenly harmony;  
angels singing “Peace on earth”  
at the blessed Savior’s birth.

**Chorus**

Candle, candle, burning bright,  
shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

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**PASSING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**Verse 1**

Like a child love would send  
to reveal and to mend,  
like a child and a friend,  
Jesus comes.

Like a child we may find  
claiming heart, soul, and mind,  
like a child strong and kind,  
Jesus comes.

**Verse 3**

Like a child born to pray  
and to show us the way,  
like a child here to stay,  
Jesus comes.

Like a child we receive  
all that love can conceive,  
like a child we believe,  
Jesus comes.

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**UMH #895**

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“What Child Is This”**

**Bell Choir**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

**NRSVUE**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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**Leader:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**                      **“Joy in What We See”**                      **Pastor Kyungbum Kyun**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All:** Gracious God of deep joy, even when storms rage and doubts rise, you call us to see with kingdom eyes—to look for healing, hope, and signs of your grace breaking in. In this Advent season of expectation and weariness, we bring these gifts as expressions of joy, rooted not in ease but in trust. May our giving bear witness to your good news: that the blind still see, the lame still walk, and the poor still receive care. Use these offerings and us as signs of your coming reign, lights in the storm, and carriers of joy. In the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer. Amen. (Matthew 11:2-11)

**\*SONG FOR STEPPING OUT**                      **“Joy in the Morning”**                      **TFWS #2284**

**Verse 1**

There'll be joy in the morning  
on that day,  
there'll be joy in the morning  
on that day,  
for the daylight will dawn  
when the darkness is gone,  
there'll be joy in the morning  
on that day.



**Verse 2**

There'll be peace and contentment  
evermore,  
there'll be peace and contentment  
evermore,  
every heart, every voice  
on that day will rejoice,  
there'll be peace and contentment  
evermore.

**Verse 3**

There'll be love and forgiveness  
everywhere,  
there'll be love and forgiveness  
everywhere,  
and the way of the Lord  
will that day be restored,  
there'll be love and forgiveness  
everywhere.

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**\*PRAYER FOR HEALING**

**Pastor:** In the name of Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our transgressions and by whose stripes we are healed, we stand in the truth of God's finished grace.

**People:** We receive the healing Christ has already secured for us through His love and sacrifice.

**Pastor:** Where bodies are hurting, minds are troubled, or spirits feel weary, we declare the restoring power of Jesus—the One who brings sight to the blind, strength to the weak, and joy to all who wait for Him.

**People:** Let Your healing flow in us and among us, O Lord, as we trust  
in what You have already accomplished.

**All:** Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** People of Advent,  
go in the joy Christ has already begun among us.  
May your eyes see the signs of His kingdom,  
and may your lives join His work of light and hope.

**All:** Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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# *Christmas* **EVE WORSHIP**

Experience heartfelt worship, inspiring messages, and the warmth of community as we come together to honor the true meaning of Christmas.

**HEAR THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

**SING CHRISTMAS HYMNS**

**SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION**

**5:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Mission Giving Tree**

The ornaments on the Mission Giving Tree this year go to the Eudora Schools. Many of the items can be for either boys or girls, or you can buy for both.

There are two new items on the list this year, boots and laundry soap. The boots need to be winter appropriate and something to keep their feet warm. They want adult sizes, as those in need are middle school and not for high school.

In regard to the laundry soap, they will take any kind but are hoping for smaller sizes to put in their backpacks. Gene's has a small bottle and a box with sheets. They will gladly accept the larger sizes and they will call the parents and have them pick them up.

For more information, contact Kay Byrne at 785-766-3787.

Thank you and happy shopping!

### **Rummage Sale**

It's back! The Rummage Sale will take place January 24. Please put it on your calendar and start putting aside those gently used items you would like to move on. Details will be posted later. Please contact Diane Massey (785-766-4539 or [dmassey@ku.edu](mailto:dmassey@ku.edu)) with any questions.

### **Food Pantry Needs**

For the month of December, the Eudora Food Pantry is asking for cereal, peanut butter, and canned fruit.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS - cont.**

### **Harvesters**

This Wednesday, December 17, from 10:00-11:00am, the Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry will be in the Eudora UMC parking lot distributing food to anyone who needs it. Volunteers are needed from 8:45-11:15am. Questions? Please contact the church office.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent
- December 17, 2025 - 10:00am - Harvesters
- December 17, 2025 - 12:00pm - Parkwood Committee Meeting
- December 17, 2025 - 7:00pm - Administrative Council Meeting
- December 18, 2025 - 6:30pm - Bells Practice
- December 18, 2025 - 7:30pm - Choir Practice
- December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve - 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship
- December 25, 2025 - Christmas - Office Closed
- December 26, 2005 - January 2, 2026 - Dean Gone
- January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day - Office Closed

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **JOYS**

- Liz Berghout had a carbon monoxide leak at her house. Everyone is fine. The leak was identified.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- December 15 - Makenna Whitsell
- December 18 - Arline Kindle

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- December 14 - Rick & Carol Lounsbury

### **CONCERNS**

- One year anniversary of the death of Nicole Eaton.

### **HEALTH CHALLENGES**

**(names will be removed after 2 weeks unless requested otherwise)**

Mary Jane Church, Brian Oleson, Sharon Musick, Don Bradshaw's mom & oldest son, Steve Sheridan

### **HOMEBOUND / NURSING HOME**

Marion Shutt, Vernon Skolaut, Martha Sower, Terry Lewis, Shanna Joyal

**CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST**

**Ministers:**

All of Us

**Pastor:**

Kyungbum Kyun

**Administrative Assistant:**

Dean Manwaring

**Music Director:**

Elizabeth Berghout

**Northeast Kansas**

**District Superintendent:**

Rev. Jin Cho

**Bishop of**

**The Great Plains Conference of  
The United Methodist Church:**

Rev. Dr. David Wilson

**SERVING TODAY**

**Liturgist:**

Erin LeGrand

**Ushers/Greeters:**

Gary Scott

Barb Keltner

Bill Frenzel

**Acolytes:**

Colt Bradstreet

Heidi Stratton

**Fellowship Hosts:**

Mark & Janet Gabriel

**Trustee of the Day:**

Mike Keltner

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