

**Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning!** We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Please let us know who you are by signing the Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Should you have questions or desire more information about ministries or membership, please stop by the Connection Point located at the entrance to the church. You may also contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 919-832-7535, ext. 350, or [jowen@esumc.org](mailto:jowen@esumc.org).

The **2012 List of ESUMC Officers and Committees** is available in the church office and on the webpage “About Us.”

### **Hungry for God?**

Whet your appetite for a richer relationship with The Master. Join us for a spiritual retreat for adults at Edenton Street on January 20-21, 2012. This retreat will be led by author Enuma Okora. There will be times of prayer, teaching, reflection, and community throughout this experience. Light refreshments and a hot dinner will also be available on Saturday. The cost is \$50.00 if registering before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please register on line or by calling the church office. For questions, please contact Leigh Holloway at the church.

### **Youth Group - The Spring Event January 8th**

One of eStreet Youth’s great new traditions! Parents, leaders, and students come together to kick-off the semester with a meal, worship, student testimonies, and updates from staff. The theme this Spring is RELATE. There will be important announcements, new opportunities, and registration open for spring & summer events. This is also a great event to invite outside families to attend who might be interested in what we’re up to.

### **Interested in membership?**

Our next Roots of Faith Class for new and prospective members begins January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, [jowen@esumc.org](mailto:jowen@esumc.org) or ext. 350. You may also visit our website: Learning and Growing/Sunday School/ Visitors and New Members.

### **Winter Studies**

We have many new studies beginning in January - we have choices for all schedules and many offer child care by reservation. We hope you will join us in the new year!

**Sign-up for Camp Shalom: June 25-29, 2012!!** Applications are on the web! [www.esumc.org](http://www.esumc.org) Ministries>Children’s Ministries>Camp Shalom  
Deadline: January 31st

## **Church Calendar**

### **Sunday, January 1st**

8:40 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanct.)  
9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Traditional Worship Service  
No 11:11 Service.

### **Monday, January 2nd**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, January 3rd**

9:00 am Christian Believer (321)  
9:15 am Exodus to Deuteronomy (167)  
5:00 pm Men’s Study Leaders Mtg (357)  
7:00 pm Men’s Study (Kerr)

### **Wednesday, January 4th**

6:00 pm Prison Ministry (162), Young Adult Council (165)  
7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library), Troop 100 Committee Mtg (Bulla)

### **Thursday, January 5th**

7:30 am Steering Committee (251)  
9:45 am Physical Fitness (357)  
12:00 pm Sheets Center Board Mtg (251)  
6:00 pm The Gathering Praise Team (Kerr)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, January 6th**

### **Saturday, January 7th**

8:30 am Love Wins (offsite)

**Edward F. “Ned” Hill, II, Senior Pastor**  
**Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries**  
**David J. Allen, Pastor of Caring Ministries**  
**Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries**  
**Carlin Johnson, Director of Equipping and Sending Ministries**  
**Nancy Gerst, Interim Director of Music**  
**Josh Dumbleton, Associate Director of Music • Joy Owen, Welcoming Ministries**  
**Susan C. McGuire, Director of Older Adult Ministries**  
**Stefan Youngblood, Director of Contemporary Worship**  
**Ruthie Jones, Director of Children’s Ministries**  
**Justin Morgan, Director of Youth Ministries • Renae Newmiller, Director of Missions**  
**Ray Beale, Director of Young Adult and College Age Ministries**  
**Wes Swan, Associate Director of Youth Ministries**  
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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Wesley Covenant Service

### Epiphany Sunday

January 1, 2012

*As the community gathers, we respectfully request that you enter into a time of silent preparation for worship. May the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God. The chancel area is open for prayer before the service and during the last hymn.*

The Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* Bach/arr. Biggs

The Greeting  
The Announcements for the Morning Rev. Yebuah

The Introit *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* Latin Hymn

+The Call to Worship Rev. Yebuah  
**Minister:** We gather this morning at the dawn of a new year.  
**People:** **We gather in the name of God!**  
**Minister:** Through Christ, God is making all things new.  
**People:** **Come, let us adore this one who is our Savior!**

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Processional  
Hymn 254 *We Three Kings* Hopkins  
Tune: Kings of Orient Hopkins

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Yebuah  
**O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Silent Confession Rev. Yebuah  
The Words of Assurance and Pardon  
**Minister:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**People:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Litany of Thanksgiving Rev. Yebuah  
Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies. O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place  
**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace,

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter* Rossetti/Holst  
Ms. Katharine Micks, Guest Director

\*\* The Chancel Choir Ensemble C \* The Chancel Choir  
*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*  
*Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; But his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.*  
*What can I give him, poor as I am?*  
*If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

+The Doxology 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

There is no Children's Lesson or Wiggler Worship this morning.

The Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2:4-6 Pg. 216 NT, Pew Bible

The Sermon LET YOURSELVES BE BUILT Rev. Allen

+The Wesley Covenant Prayer Hymnal 607

+The Great Thanksgiving Pg 15, Hymnal, Rev. Hill

During the serving of the sacraments, the congregation is asked to sing the first and last stanzas of hymns 266, 492, 496, and 634.

You may leave an offering at the chancel for the Door Step Ministry Fund. Persons in the congregation who are unable to come to the communion rail may notify an usher or clergy and you will be served communion in your pew.

Note: Gluten-free wafers are available at the station with Rev. Dave Allen. Please come to him and indicate your need.

The Lord's Prayer  
Breaking of the Bread  
Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer After Communion

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+The Hymn 606 *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* Wesley  
Tune: Kingsfold English Melody

+The Benediction Rev. Allen

+The Choral Response *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* Latin Hymn

+The Sending Forth of the Cross and the Light of Christ into the World

+The Chimes - In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

+The Postlude *Fugue in G Major "Gigue"* Bach

+ Please stand, if able. \*\* 8:40 \* 10:55

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: \*\* Benjamin Lockhart  
\* Justin King

Liturgists: Edward F. Hill, II, Lisa N. Yebuah

Preacher: David J. Allen

Interim Director of Music: Nancy Gerst

Director of Preparing Ministries: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton

Pianist: \*\* Ray Starling \* Tammy Fox