

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      The Christmas Gift                      Gerst  
Roy, Elena, and Juliana Gorena

The Prayer of Thanksgiving                      Rev. Yebuah

+Carol 251                      Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Sending Forth in Peace

Postlude                      Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)                      Handel

+ Please stand if able.

*Merry Christmas!*

Participating in the service today:

Preacher: Edward F. "Ned" Hill, II                      Liturgists: Lisa N. Yebuah, David J. Allen  
Organist/Interim Director of Music: Nancy Gerst                      Musician: Stefan Youngblood

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).

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Sunday, December 25, 2011  
11:00 a.m. Worship

# Christmas Morning

Gathering of the People

Prelude Christmas Carols on piano  
Ukranian Bell Carol arr. Martin  
Away in a Manger  
Fantasy on "O Come Little Children"

Welcome Rev. Yebuah  
As God has greeted us, so let us greet one another.

+Carol 234 O Come All Ye Faithful (vs 1-4, 6)

+The First Reading John 1:1-9

+Carol 245 The First Noel  
(vs. 1 & 2)  
During the singing children who are under 6 years old are invited to bring a toy with them and meet Reverend Hill in the front of the sanctuary.

Reflection Rev. Hill

Blessing of the Toys:

Minister: When God made Adam and Eve and placed them in the garden, he put them in charge of taking good care of the earth. They named the animals and began to work with the land.

People: Ever since then, girls and boys, women and men have enjoyed not only work, but also play. God gave us the ability to make games and invent toys to help us enjoy ourselves and enjoy growing in our love for each other.

Minister: The tradition of Christmas gifts for children began with Magi from the East, who brought little Jesus three gifts of delight. So today, let us hold up our toys and hold them high.  
(The children hold up their toys.)

Minister: Let 's remember the one who made us, and gave us hearts and minds that love to have fun, to share and to grow as we play. Let us pray:

All: Bless our toys, Oh Lord. Help us be truly grateful for the time you give us to play. Help all of our play to be holy play. In Jesus ' name, Amen.

Rev. Stephen West and Interpreter OnLine

Special Music Stefan Youngblood

+The Second Reading John 1:10-13 Rev. Allen

+Carol 229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
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Carol 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem  
(vs. 1 & 3)

+The Third Reading John 1:14-18 Rev. Allen

+Carol 249 There's a Song in the Air  
(vs. 1 & 4)

Turn to someone nearby and tell them about a gift you received and/or gave at Christmas.

Reflection Rev. Hill

Blessing:

Leader: Let us remember that God gave us every good and perfect gift. Let us remember Jesus, the greatest of all gifts to the world.

People: Bless all the gifts we have received, O Lord. Help us to be grateful for the gifts both given and received.