## This Week in the Life of the Church

## Sunday 11/30

9:40am Morning Prayer 10am Traditional Worship 11am Choir Practice 6:30pm Worship at SHCC

## Monday 12/1

6pm Dinner & Study at ET

### Wednesday 12/3

9am Men's Breakfast at Eat N' Park 10am Women at the Well at FUMC 7pm Joyful Givers

## Thursday 12/4

10am Prayer Meeting6pm Toy Drive Drop Off7pm Men's Band Meeting

## Friday 12/5

6pm Toy Drive Drop Off

## Saturday 12/6

9am Free Toy Drive Shopping



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Toy and clothing drive: To help local families in need this Christmas season, we will be accepting new or gently used children's and infant toys, clothing, shoes, coats & accessories. Donation days December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. Shopping day December 6<sup>th</sup> 9a-12p. Location: Elrama VFC.

Ministry of Mothers Serving: We have starred a Facebook group for moms of young children who are also wives, full-time & part-time employees, members of the community, active in the church, & just keeping up with the hustle and bustle of home-making...whew! ... we recognized we needed each other to lean on and encourage each other... "to spur" each other on in our faith-walks! See Ashley Comer or Steffany Mellor to be added to the group.

Angel Tree- Angels are available now. Wee will once again be working with Ringgold School District to provide gifts for students in need. Please bring gifts wrapped with tag secured by Sunday 12/14. Please see Rose Ellen Crompton if you have any questions.

Christmas Poinsettia- Orders can be made starting 11/23 and the final date to order is 12/7. All Poinsettias are red and the cost is \$8 each. Order envelopes are available from the greeter at the main church entrance. Please fill out the envelope, include your check or cash and put the envelope in the basket near the camera and AED in the back of the church. See Mary Jo Wagner if you have any questions.



# November 30, 2025 Elrama Community Church 10 am Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

\*Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" 163

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

#### **The Proclamation**

Song of Preparation "Gloria Patri"

Scripture Luke 1:5-25

Message "Faith Even When You Can't See"

Rev. Jude Urso

#### The Response of the People

\*Hymn "There's Something About That Name" 134

Receiving Joys, Concerns & Testimonies

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Special Music

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Apostles' Creed

### **Sending Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel" 162

\*Postlude

\*If you are able, please stand

Communion available after the service.

All are invited to receive.

# MATTHEW 25:31-46

5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. 6 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. 7 But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. 8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. 16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."18 Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."19 The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. 20 And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."21 Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. 22 When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.23 When his time of service was completed, he returned home. 24 After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. 25 "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

Christmas Dinner: ECC is hosting a Christmas dinner on December 14 4-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a cover dish. The Church will provided ham, rolls and drinks.

Advent Readers: We are looking for families to volunteer to read the call to worship and light the Advent Wreath for the four Sunday's in Advent, Christmas Eve services, and Christmas Day. If interested, signup at the tech desk.

Blue Christmas Service: Christmas and the Holiday Season is not always a happy and joyful time for many people for a variety of reasons. Join us for a traditional Blue Christmas service on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **Upcoming Events**

Dec 10 Blue Christmas Service
Dec 14 Christmas Dinner
Dec 21 Children's Christmas Program
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 4pm & 11pm ECC
Dec 25 Christmas Day 10am SHCC
Dec 28 Hymn Sing Service



**Prayer Requests:** Colleen Wazny, Shad Richardson, Krystal Roberts, Toni Archbold, Neal & Vicki Drown, Dorothy Shaffer, Sally Fellabaum, Bob & Billie Sabo

**Homebound:** Ray Welsh, Al Henze,, Jamie Powell.Pat and Bob Laverick

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