



## Endwell United Methodist Church

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The Mission of the Endwell United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We are a Safe Haven Congregation equipped to welcome anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated. May you find this faith community a resting place with people who will care for you while providing a haven of peace and grace.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT– DECEMBER 21, 2025

**WELCOME/OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY** Please sign the red Friendship pad and pass it to those in the pew with you. Our Nursery facility & Toddler room is open upstairs, while not staffed, the worship is streamed live.

**PRAY-LUDE** “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” arr. Molly Ijames

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** God calls to us, as He did to Joseph, inviting us to listen for the Spirit’s guidance amid half-truths and distractions.

**Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.**

We are called to faithfulness, as was a carpenter named Joseph, as we await the birth of Emmanuel – God With Us – Jesus.

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**\*HYMN** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #224

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Lord, we confess that we are rushing headlong into Christmas.**

**It’s only 4 days away and we still have much to do. Forgive us when in our busyness we miss the blessings of Your continual love and presence. Help us to be obedient to You as Joseph was, to enable those around us to encounter Jesus. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, God With Us, we pray. Amen.**

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN** *(Please bring a penny if you can. If you can’t, come anyway)*

**LIGHTING OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> ADVENT CANDLE**

**ANTHEM** “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. Wesley D. Peters

**MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** #895

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY HANDBELL ANTHEM** “A Celtic Ring” arr. Geschke

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #230

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 1:18-25

**SERMON** “The Invisible Man” Nancy

**\*HYMN** “Angels From the Realms of Glory” #220

**SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able.

### ***Who did you invite to worship this week?***

*Please pick up your January/February Upper Room Daily Devotional in the back of the sanctuary.*

*Please sign up to be liturgist. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary.*

## **SERMON NOTES**

### **Matthew 1:18-25**

Joseph never utters a word in Scripture, but he played a huge role in the birth of Jesus.

We can learn a lot from Joseph's faithfulness and example:

- Joseph's world was turned upside down when he found out Mary was pregnant. He didn't react immediately but responded after taking some time and listening to God. When our world is turned upside down, we may not be thinking straight. Thanks be to God that Joseph waited.
- He may have thought he had only 1 option, but God showed him another way – not *out* of the situation, but *through* it. This should be instructive for us.
- Sometimes we may avoid doing the right thing because we're afraid of what others may think. Joseph did not succumb to this way of thinking. He was obedient to God. Are we willing to be obedient to God even if it means ridicule from those around us?

### **Endwell United Methodist Church Prayer List**

**If you would like to include someone or would like to be removed, please call the office.**

(Please send notes and words of encouragement to the following brothers and sisters)

Marie Foster - St. Louise Manor	Shirley Cannon – Homestead Apalachin
Shirley Stacconi – Hilltop	Rose Smith – Good Shepherd Fairview
Bob Mallery – Ideal Living Center	Peggy Rider – home
Joyce Lott – Ideal Living Center	Alan Kisacky – living with Sister
Gertrude Anderson - Troy, NY	Delores Pero - Home
Joan Kisacky – ECM	Carolyn Potter – Vestal Park
Karyl Gadecki –Ideal Living Center	Thelma Lamoureux - Ideal Living Center
Nadine Phillips – Castle Gardens	Teresa Perkins – Home
Bob & Lorrie Vaber – Good Shepherd	Jerry Robinson
Miriam Steffensen – home	Robbie Darrow
Paul & Sandy Smetana Ideal Living Center	Tim Rickard – Oxford Veterans Home (Combat Medic)

#### **Grief**

Global Wars/Humanitarian needs around the world

The family of Harry McLain (Kim Vieira's father)

#### **Hospitalized and/or recovering**

Nathan Allabaugh (3 yr. old)– still having cancer treatment

Danny McKnight, brother-in-law of Mike Nielsen, late-stage dementia, living in Rockledge, FL

Jim Lewis – Bridgewater - rehab

Phyllis Smith – Mercy House

Jamie Hoffer – cancer (niece of DeEtte Minerley)

#### **Military**

Andrew Thomsen – Air Force – Deployed to South Korea, Nephew of Sally (Jim) Vazquez

Adam Mills- Air Force – Grandson of Carol Bowman

Tyler Allen – U.S. Army – Savannah, Georgia

David Williams, Jr – Army, Cousin of Nancy Green

Justin Harrington – U.S. Airforce – Del Rio, TX

Cameron Bingel – Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, Grandson of Elsa Bingel

Brandon Nickerson – National Guard

Ben Bolcavage – in the Marines, Grandson of D. Bolcavage

Peter Khamis – Army (Linda Brock)

Andrew Nguyen – Marines – (Tom & Jane Scheibner)

David Danisa – North Carolina

Ayden Walker – Army - Ft. Benning - Grandson of Cindy Fitch



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Worship attendance December 14

In person = 153

Live stream = 33

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**December 21, 2025**

Media Team: Ken Anderson, Stephen Borne, Donna Halbert, Pete Hatton, Mark Miner  
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**Monday-Friday**

**9:00 am-Noon**



## Electronic Giving

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It is easy to give electronically and reduces  
costs for the Church

Use your smartphone to follow the QR Code

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