

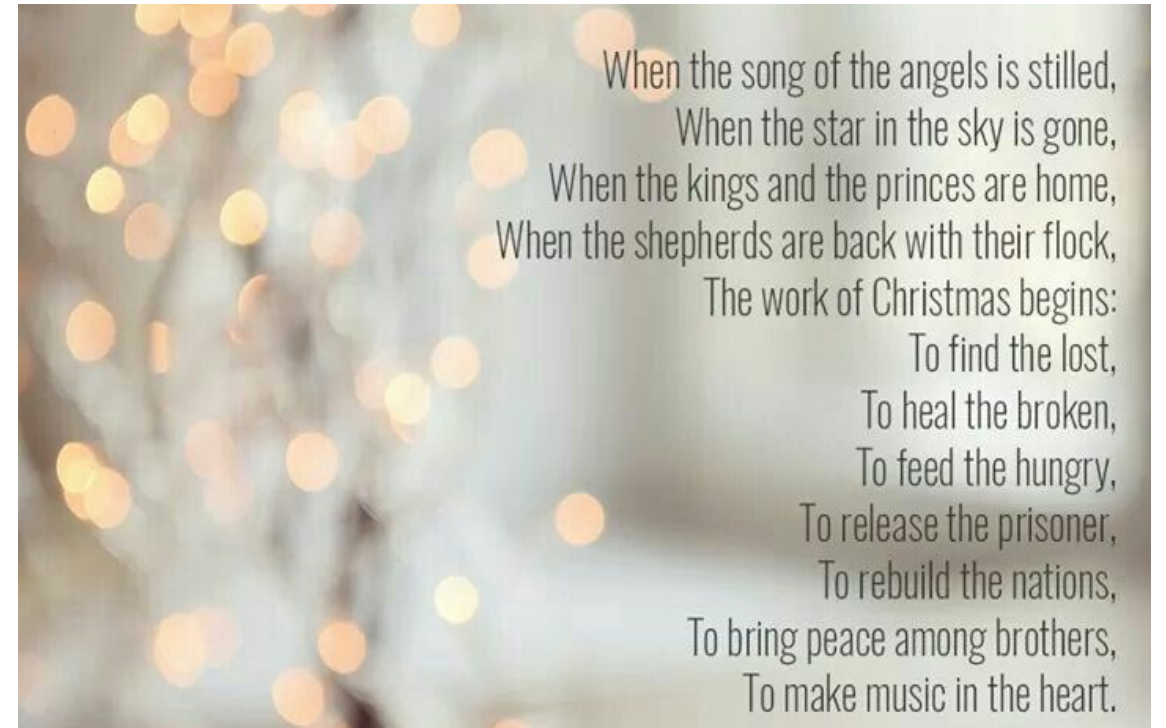
# Englewood Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

*December 31, 2023 -10:45 AM*

Scheduled to Serve	Coffee Hr. Schedule		Building/Reader Board	
<b>Elders</b>	Bob & Sue Scott	<b>12/2</b>		<b>Wk. 1</b> Nick Shultz Nick S.
<b>Deacons</b>	Dixie Kisner & Kathy Helseth	<b>12/10</b>	Sharin M, Connie S.	<b>Wk. 2</b> Jim Harwood Dennis B. Becky B.
<b>Online Tech Audio</b>	Youssef Demisisi Jon Hardy	<b>12/24</b>	Matt & Christy Q	<b>Wk. 3</b> Jim Hartshorn Jim H.
<b>Guest Musician and Special Music</b>	Kaeren Steele Fouts	<b>12/31</b>	Cathy & Nick S.	<b>Wk. 4</b> Dennis Boyd Ed B.
				<b>Sub</b> Herb S. Curtis Y. Herb S., Curtis Y.

## THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS, by Howard Thurman



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and the princes are home,  
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
 The work of Christmas begins:  
 To find the lost,  
 To heal the broken,  
 To feed the hungry,  
 To release the prisoner,  
 To rebuild the nations,  
 To bring peace among brothers,  
 To make music in the heart.

### Announcements

- Jan. 1,** Office Closed
- Jan 2,** Prayer Group, 10 am.
- Jan. 2,** After School Arts, 4 pm.
- Jan. 3,** Adult Study, 10 am.
- Jan. 7,** Potluck dinner, after service.
- Jan. 16,** Camp Hope dinner.
- Jan. 20,** “Comradery” Breakfast (at Englewood in the Fellowship Hall)
- Jan. 21,** Swim Camp after worship service.

### ENGLEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**Dawn Gaulke:** Church Administrator, **Carolyn Hamilton:** Activities Director,

**Ken Allman:** Custodian

Rev. David Helseth, Rev. Doyle Hardy

### Welcome Guests and Visitors

We are glad you're here!  
 Please fill out the friendship  
 pad so we can send you a welcome letter.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Gathering the Body of Christ

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Doyle Hardy

**Prelude**

*“Allegro Maestro from The Water Music”*  
Handel

Kaeren Steele Fouts

### WE GATHER

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The message of the angels to the shepherds still resounds across the valley.

**People: The visit to that manger with a new-born child lying  
there is still vivid in our minds.**

Leader: The memories of Christmas Day are still fresh in our memories -  
the presents, the food, the fellowship with family and friends.

**People: The wrapping paper is put away; there are still food leftovers in the  
refrigerator and some gifts are still sitting out waiting to find a place.**

Leader: “Joy to the Word” still resounds; “Silent Night” brings reflection.

**People: Christmas is still here; the light still shines. Let us continue the  
celebration in our worship.**

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

Yes, God, the celebration of Christ’s birth is still a vivid memory. We gather  
again in this place of worship with decoration still surrounding us. Once again, we  
seek your presence as we remind ourselves of your transforming presence in our  
midst. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn**

*“Angles, from the Realms of Glory”*

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**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer (in unison)**

**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  
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### WE HEAR

**Special Music**

*“Medley-Gesu Bambino/O Santissima”*  
arr. K. Fouts

Kaeren Steele Fouts

**The Written Word**

John 1:1-9

**The Spoken Word**

*“Reflecting the Light ”*

Rev. David Helseth

**Response**

*“I Am the Light of the World”*

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### WE RESPOND

**Invitation to Stewardship** (Please take your offerings forward at the time of communion)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Call to Communion**

Pastor: All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.

**People: Everyone has a place at Christ’s Table.**

**Communion Hymn**

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

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**Communion Prayer**

Elder

**Partaking of Communion (All are welcome at Christ’s Table)**

Please move to the front of the Sanctuary as you are able. If you require assistance, remain  
seated and a Deacon will serve you.

### WE GO FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn**

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

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**Benediction**

Pastor

**Postlude**

*“Trumpet Tune”*  
Jeremiah Clarke

Kaeren Steele Fouts