

Scheduled to Serve	Coffee Hr. Schedule		
<b>Elders</b>	Joyce Cowin,	<b>12/2</b>	
<b>Deacons</b>	Paul & Sharon Brunn	<b>12/10</b>	Sharin M, Connie S.
<b>Online Tech Audio</b>	Youssef Demsisi Jon Hardy	<b>12/24</b>	Matt & Christy Q
<b>Guest Musician and Special Music</b>	Kaeren Steele Fouts	<b>12/31</b>	Cathy & Nick S.

Building/Reader Board		
<b>Wk. 1</b>	Nick Shultz	Nick S.
<b>Wk. 2</b>	Jim Harwood	Dennis B. Becky B.
<b>Wk. 3</b>	Jim Hartshorn	Jim H.
<b>Wk. 4</b>	Dennis Boyd	Ed B.
<b>Sub</b>	Herb S. Curtis Y.	Herb S., Curtis Y.

Englewood Christian Church  
 (Disciples of Christ)  
 December 17, 2023 -10:45 AM



**Announcements**

**Today:** Dec. 17, (after worship service) Congregational Meeting.

**Dec. 17, 2:00 pm.,** Finch Family Christmas.

**Tuesday:** Prayer Group, 10 am.

Afterschool Arts, 4-5 pm.

**Wednesday:** Adult Study Class.

**Dec. 19, 6:00 pm.,** Camp Hope Dinner

**Dec. 24, 10:45 am., CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**~~Christmas Sunday will be December 24 at our regular 10:45 worship time. There will not be a traditional Christmas Eve worship that evening. Since this is the 4th Sunday of Advent, the worship service will be a combination of Advent and Christmas. Rev. Doyle Hardy and Rev. David Helseth are planning a special service for that day which will help us focus on the birth of the Christ Child. We invite you to bring family and friends to join you that Sunday morning for a special service.

**Dec. 25, ~~~ Merry Christmas**

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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**

**Prelude**

*“Menuet from Suite Gothique”*  
Boellmann

Rev. Doyle Hardy  
Kaeren Steele Fouts

**WE GATHER**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Those who are oppressed and abused cry out:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Creation – the earth, the water, the sky, the creature – cry out:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Invocation: (unison)**

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await the coming of the Messiah. We experience the brokenness in this world, but we also realize that you call us to be bearers of light in the midst of the darkness. Come, O Holy One; come and move among us. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gate!”* #129

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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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**

*“Claire De Lune”*  
Debussy

Kaeren Steele Fouts

**The Written Word**

Isaiah 61: 1-4; 8-11

Pastor

**The Spoken Word**  
seth

*“Where Does Joy Come From?”*

Rev. David Hel-

**Response:**

*“Blessed Be the God of Israel”*

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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**

*“like a child”*

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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**

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

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**Benediction**

Pastor

**Postlude**

*“Prelude in F Major”*

Kaeren Steele Fouts