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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY
Liturgist: Dan Kuhn
Acolyte: Tessa Byerly
Ushers: John Henderson and Scott Masteller
Deacon on Call: Ted Henson

FINANCIAL UPDATES
 Received Last Week: \$1,770.00
 Received to Date: \$1,770.00
 Expenses to Date: \$0.00

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
 Bud Fisher 1/11
 Jeff Drummond 1/12
 Cathy Rose 1/13
 Heather Bateman 1/14

Elon Community Church Staff

Senior Pastor
 Rev. Randy Orwig

Associate Pastor
 Rev. Sharon Wheeler

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 1/8

9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Seekers' Class
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 3:00 pm Genesis Chimes, JuBELLation, InspiRING Bells
 3:45 pm Children and Youth Vocal Choirs
 4:30 pm KICK
 4:30 pm Young Ringers
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 5:15 pm Little Lights
 6:00 pm Church Night
 7:00 pm Church Council

Monday 1/9

6:45 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 1/10

7:00 pm PFLAG

Wednesday 1/11

3:45 pm Green Church Meeting
 5:30 pm Girl Scouts
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 1/12

3:00 pm Faith Walk
 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 1/13

4:45 pm Youth Leave for Winter Retreat
 6:30 pm NA Meeting

Saturday 1/14

1:00 pm Bill Davis Funeral

Sunday 1/15

9:00 pm Chancel Choir
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Seekers' Class
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass

TWO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS CALLED THIS MONTH

JANUARY 8—FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO APPROVE OUR SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023
JANUARY 22—ANNUAL MEETING AND 2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

Our first meeting will be a one topic brief meeting following worship to approve all our officers, Board members, and committees for 2023. They will then meet at 6 pm in the CLC for orientation and setting off the new year of ministry work. The meeting will follow the benediction and only last about 5-10 minutes. Please plan to stay. On January 22, we will plan to hold our first full POTLUCK LUNCHEON in a long time! Plan to bring an entrée and a side or dessert as we gather to receive our Annual Report, deal with a constitutional amendment regarding the Pastoral Relations Committee, and to approve our budget. Plan to attend this very important meeting.

Children and Youth Summit With Parents

On January 22 we would like to meet with the parents of our children and youth separately during bell time practice. The children's group Genesis and Jubilation parents and any parent of an elementary school child through 4th grade, we will meet from 3-4 pm at the church in the CLC classroom. We will discuss programming, Sunday School, and how you would like to see ECCUCC to help grow your child in their faith formation. The youth parents will meet from 4:15-5:30 pm and also discuss the programming of both youth and our Sunday School programming. We will hear from you what you would like to see at ECCUCC to help your child grow in their faith formation and how their church helps them mold their work in God's world. This is a first step in working toward our 2026 vision and goals we set forth in 2021.

Can You Help With Our Job Search?

Four months have passed since our sponsored family joined us in Burlington. It has been an active four months as we move forward with assisting them living in their new country. We are now assisting Valery in his job search as he is eager to care for and provide for his family. We would appreciate leads, contacts, referrals of possible job opportunities. You may contact Keith Wiley at (336) 270-4778. Thank you for your care and concern for OUR FAMILY.

The Soaring High Book Club Welcomes You to the New Year!

This month we are reading *Warm Socks, Life Lessons from My Father* and it is written by a local author, Edna Brown Mark. Several copies were made available for check out located in the library. We are excited to share that the author will be joining us on Monday, January 23 at 1:00 pm. (We meet on the 4th Monday of the month.) Please plan on joining us for the January meeting. Zoom accommodations will be provided and sent out several days before the meeting.

Solar Panel Update: Happy New Year! And happy 4th birthday to our solar panels! They produced 1.84 MWh of energy in December. Since they began producing in January 2019, they have produced 132 MWh. That has saved us \$14,115.84 and prevented 204,639.7 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. That's equivalent to planting 1,546 trees!



Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.

JANUARY 8, 2023
 10:30 AM
 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert and leave it in the offering plate at either exit. Please join us at Meet and Greet immediately after worship for light refreshments and fellowship!

**“This is my Son,
 the Beloved, with whom
 I am well pleased.”**



Matthew 3:17, NRSV

Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Little Prelude in C J.S. Bach

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 29*)

Leader: Give glory to the Creator and bow in holy splendor!

All: The voice of the Creator renews and rebirths.

Leader: Give glory to the Holy One and bow in holy splendor!

All: The voice of the Holy One redeems and restores.

Leader: Give glory to the Living Water and bow in holy splendor!

**All: The voice of the Living Water refreshes and revives.
Glory to God!**

† HYMN 293 Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

**Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

*There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to stay with Jesus all the way." (R)*

† PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Holy One, we confess our need for grace and mercy. We seek forgiveness for the ways in which we have drawn away from you and our neighbors. We express remorse for our participation in the systems of the world that are actively opposed to your kingdom. Transform us to be carriers and promoters of your good news of new life, liberation, and hope in the world.

† WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: The God of peace is faithful to offer forgiveness and new life in Christ. Receive the good news of new mercies with each new day and a future with hope.

All: Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Share that peace now with one another.

*Please let people know what you wish by waving, a fist out to bump,
or if you are open to a handshake or even a hug.*

† GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen. Amen.**

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9 Page 657 (OT)

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.

All: And we are listening!

CHILDREN'S TIME Little Children Come Unto Me SILER

**Little children come unto me, Little children come unto me.
You are made in God's image so perfectly.
Little children come unto me.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:13-17 Page 3 (NT)

SERMON Beloved Sharon Wheeler

The Act of Baptismal Renewal

VOWS OF RENEWAL

Leader: Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your baptism?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

All: I do.

Leader: In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may renew your Christian faith and life.

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

You may come forward to receive an individual renewal.

GENERAL RENEWAL

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our **trespasses...**")
*Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you:
"Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.*

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey
Stephen Futrell, soloist

† THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Sing your praises, Alleluia!
Praise God above you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sending God's People

† HYMN 172 Jesus Calls Us GALILEE

*Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Toccata in C J.S. Bach

† *You are invited to stand as able at these moments.*