

# Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Newsletter— November 2025



## *As Seasons Change*

According to the liturgical calendar, the seasons are changing this month. Since Pentecost in June, we have been in the season of Ordinary Time, a time focused on our growth as disciples, as the people of God. Ordinary Time is visually demonstrated by green in the sanctuary. For two special Sundays this month, the green will be replaced by white and gold for All Saints' Sunday (11/2) and Reign of Christ Sunday (11/23), but returning to green for the Sundays in between.



Reign of Christ Sunday marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This year is ending, and though it's not a reality yet, we celebrate the coming of God's kingdom, God's reign on earth and in heaven, God's beloved community. This calendar year, November has 5 Sundays, making the last Sunday of November the first Sunday of Advent.

A new liturgical year begins as we await the coming of Christ as a babe in a manger and the second coming of Christ as the ruler of God's realm. The greens of Ordinary Time give way to the purples of Advent, though we don't entirely get away from green, do we? For the growth and life symbolized in green continues, but it moves from the paraments (the green fabric adorning the pulpit, communion table, and Bible) and vestments (my stole) to the greenery of Christmas, the evergreen

boughs hung above the windows and wreaths upon the wall, and the Chrismon Tree. This year, we will again celebrate the Hanging of the Greens on the First Sunday of Advent, with a special focus on the Chrismon Tree, which was dedicated 50 years ago. The Chrismon ornaments are white and gold and, thus, visually wed the Season of Advent with Reign of Christ Sunday.

An ending and a beginning, but not really either as we carry the prior seasons with us into the new liturgical year. And in the midst of this "transition," in our present, we give thanks. We celebrate God's presence with us in the past, we rejoice that God abides with us in the present, and we hope for God's promised reign in the future.

In faith, hope, & love,

*Sara*

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*O God,*

Amid our many blessings, help us to not lose sight of the heartbreak and devastation present in the world. Help us to show our gratitude by offering grace, peace, justice, and kindness to those who are hurting and struggling. Show us ways to fill empty bellies and shelter those without roofs so that all of your children may be full, warm, and safe.



*Amen*

## Upcoming Services & Sermons

11/2/25	"Inheritance"	Ephesians 1:1-23; Luke 6:20-31	<i>All Saints' Sun.</i>
11/9/25	"Until the Last Note Plays"	Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Luke 20:27-38	
11/16/25	"In the Meantime"	Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19	
11/23/25	"This is the King of the Jews"	Luke 23:33-43; Jeremiah 23:1-6	<i>Reign of Christ Sun.</i>
11/30/25	<i>Hanging of the Greens</i>		

## All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025



Join us as we light candles to remember our loved ones, those who passed away this year and all of the others we hold dear in our hearts and memories.

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, November 16, 2025, after worship**  
and before the Thanksgiving Luncheon

The session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of updating the pastor's term of call and electing 2 elders for the class of '28 and 1 elder to fill an unexpired term for the class of '26. The nominees for the class of '28 are Debra Wall and Connie Wynn, who have agreed to serve second 3-year terms. Nancy Mead has been nominated for the class of '26.

## Meet Matthew

### Bible Study

Part 2

**November 4 & 11**  
**Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**

We will continue to explore the Gospel of Matthew and what he has to say about Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection.

**November 4**  
***Betrayed & Tried***  
**Matthew 26:27-27:26**

**November 11**  
***Killed & Raised Up***  
**Matthew 27:27-28:20**

*Just bring your Bible, yourself,  
and a friend!*

## Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 30 at 11 a.m.**

COME!  
CELEBRATE THIS  
JOYOUS SEASON  
WITH US!



## What child is this?

### Advent at Edgewood

Nov. 30 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 7 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - "Introducing..."  
Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 14 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - "His People"  
Matthew 1:1-17

Dec. 21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - "All about Joseph"  
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - "He Shall Be Called..."  
Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-25  
at 4 pm, with communion

Join us for worship as we prepare  
for the coming of our Savior!





## TREASURER'S REPORT

### SEPTEMBER TOTALS

Receipts	\$ 7,736.33
Expenses	\$ 8929.16
Receipts - Expenses	(\$ 1,192.83)
Special Offerings:	
2¢ a Meal	\$ 25.00

### *Scheduled November Special Offerings*

11/2/25 - 2¢ a Meal  
11/16/25 - CUOC Turkey Offering  
11/23/25 - Presbyterian Women Thank Offering  
12/7/25 - 2¢ a Meal

### Stewardship and Finance Committee

If you have not turned in your 2026 stewardship pledge card, please turn it in to the church office as soon as possible so we can better plan our budget for next year.

Jonathan Wester: Chair

*This is our story...*



### *Prayer Family of the Week*

- 2 Chip & Patsy McBryde
- 9 James & Joyce McGehee & Family
- 16 Jody & Kim McNeill & Family
- 23 Marty McNeill
- 30 Willis McNeill & Family

### *November Birthdays*



*Happy Birthday to  
everyone celebrating  
Birthdays this month!*

**Head Usher for November**  
**Connie Wynn**

### *Sit & Chat*

*with your pastor*

**Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 pm**  
**November 12 & 19**

If you're looking for a reason to get out of the house, to see a friendly face, to sit and chat, or just sit and read in companionable silence, I hope you'll join me!



**at MonkeyKat Books**  
just down from the Fairview Dairy Bar







Stuffed animals and knitted hats made by the Edgewood Piece-Makers and other church members will be donated to children's hospitals in Charlotte and Greenville, NC and to Lee County CUOC.

# Quilt Dedication Sunday

October 19, 2025



The quilts pictured were made by the Edgewood Piece-Makers. They will be donated to the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, NC. This group, is lead by Teresa Mangum along with Marilyn Long, Joan Bland, Barbara Campbell, and Katherine Brannon. The ladies work on quilts year-round for this mission. The quilts are for the comfort of young hospital patients.



Some of the Piece-Makers

## Last Chance for Quilt Tickets!

The **Edgewood Piece-Makers** sewing group has completed a new quilt that will be won by the owner of a ticket to be drawn on **November 16, 2025 at the Thanksgiving Luncheon**. Get your tickets from a member of the Presbyterian Women. Get 1 ticket with a \$1.00 donation or get 6 tickets with a \$5.00 donation. The proceeds go to Presbyterian Women mission projects.

Name: _____ 0492 _____ Phone No.: _____	<b>Edgewood Presbyterian Church</b> <b>Homemade Quilt</b> <i>to be given away</i> <b>November 16, 2025</b> <i>Proceeds go to Missions</i> Donation - \$1.00 Ea. or 6 tickets for \$5.00	0492 _____
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# *This is our story...*



The Wynns



The Wester Family



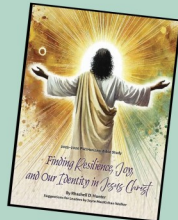
The Sellars Family



## **Edgewood Presbyterian Women**

October 13, 2025

The program was Lesson Two:  
Mary "of a Certain Village"  
from the  
2025-2026 Horizons/Bible Study  
"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our  
Identity in Jesus Christ"  
presented by Joyce McGehee



Next meeting: 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 10, 2025  
Lesson Three: "Jesus is Tested"  
to be presented by Rev. Sara Martin  
Hostesses: Jean Lyons, Debra Wall, & Sandy Dull



Hostesses: Patsy McBryde & Jean McSwain



## Fellowship Committee

*Sunday, November 16, at Noon, in the Fellowship Hall*

### *Thanksgiving Lunch*

*Turkey and ham will be provided.*

*(Your help with vegetables, desserts, rolls and tea would be appreciated.)*



Our church **Thanksgiving Luncheon** will be **November 16**, right after the worship service. Everyone is invited.

The sign-up sheet is out and waiting for volunteers to sign up to bring food. The meats are provided. Mark your calendar for this event and plan to attend for great food and great fellowship. We hope you have your quilt tickets. **We will draw for the quilt around 1:30 pm.**

The people working in the kitchen preparing for the luncheon, will need to go upstairs for the congregational meeting and vote. It will be a busy day but a very good one.

*See you there!*

Debra Wall: Chair

## World Communion Sunday

Sandy and I attended the “Church in the Park” World Wide Communion Service at Kiwanis Family Park on October 5th. It was a beautiful day for an outdoor gathering to worship God in the bright sunlight and fresh air.

The First Presbyterian Praise Band and a joint choir performed and lead the singing of hymns. Rev. John Taylor, Rev. Jenny Lee, and Rev. Robert Button participated in the service with Rev. Dr. Sue

Hudson delivering the sermon, “We Are Vessels of God’s Love”. Rev. Taylor and Rev. Lee delivered the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sandy and I look forward to attending the service again next year.



Reported by Debra Wall.

## Missions Committee

### CUOC Donations for November

We are collecting canned fruit in November for CUOC. It can be pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, etc.



Steve Womack: Chair

*Thank you all for donating **91 pounds** of soup and canned vegetables to CUOC in October. Thank you, Johnny and Trish, for delivering all of this to CUOC.*



Photo by Teresa Seagroves

## Christian Education Committee



We will have an Old-fashioned Christmas Celebration for all ages in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, December 13 from 3:00 until 5:00.** If you would like to bring a platter of cookies or finger food to share, we will have punch. If you choose not to bring food, you are welcome also. There will be a time of fellowship and singing of Christmas Carols. We will pass out goody bags. Please save the date and plan to join us. We hope to see you there.

Jean McSwain: Chair

## Property & Grounds Committee

By the time this newsletter is circulated, the ceiling repair in the pastor's office and adjacent rooms that was planned several months ago, should be complete.

Johnny Sellars: Chair

## Communications Committee

We continue to update bulletin boards, the church website, and Facebook page. We appreciate the pictures provided by Sandy and Debra from the "Church in the Park" World Communion Service, and the picture of the CUOC food donation provided by Teresa Seagroves, CUOC Executive Assistant.

We printed 200 Thanksgiving cards to be distributed to the local long-term care facilities.

Connie Wynn: Chair

### Thanksgiving Blessings from our Church

Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
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Sanford, NC 27330





## Expanding Responsibilities of Our Pastor

I was asked to communicate how I am growing as a pastor through my expanding responsibilities within the Presbytery.

As a Minister of Word and Sacrament (also known as a Teaching Elder), I am not a member of a congregation, but instead I am a member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. As such, I am expected to participate in the mission and ministry of the Presbytery. Last year, I began serving a two-year term, on the West Community Steering Committee and acting as chair of the committee. This committee organizes an annual officer training event in January for elders and deacons, as well as the Annual Gathering of the community in June, which functions as a Presbytery meeting.



Rev. Sara working at the West Community Gathering in Raeford on June 14, 2025.

Photo by Connie

Last year, I also became a part of Mission Cabinet to represent the West Steering Committee. The Mission Cabinet meets a month prior to Presbytery meetings, and is made up of three

representatives from each missional community (East, Central, and West), as well as the chair and vice chair of Mission Cabinet, and the moderator and vice-moderator of Presbytery. The purpose of the Mission Cabinet is “to nurture the development of our Mission, Vision, and Goals, to foster a deeper relatedness, to coordinate the work of the three Missional Communities, and to oversee the implementation of all aspects of the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.” The Mission Cabinet reviews the reports of committees and creates the agenda for the Presbytery meetings. It has authority to make some decisions, but generally recommends motions to the Presbytery for vote at the next meeting. The Mission Cabinet also has an Executive Committee to handle urgent matters that cannot wait until the next Presbytery Meeting, such as approving the medical leave for Jerrod Lowery, our General Presbyter, and promoting Laura Lupton to serve as Acting General Presbyter and Stated Clerk in his absence. At the recent Presbytery Meeting in October, I was approved by the Presbytery to serve as the Vice-Chair of Mission Cabinet in 2026, which would then typically roll into the Chair position in 2027.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow as a pastor, to connect with other leaders in our Presbytery, and to serve God through this work in the Presbytery.

In faith, hope, & love,

*Sara*