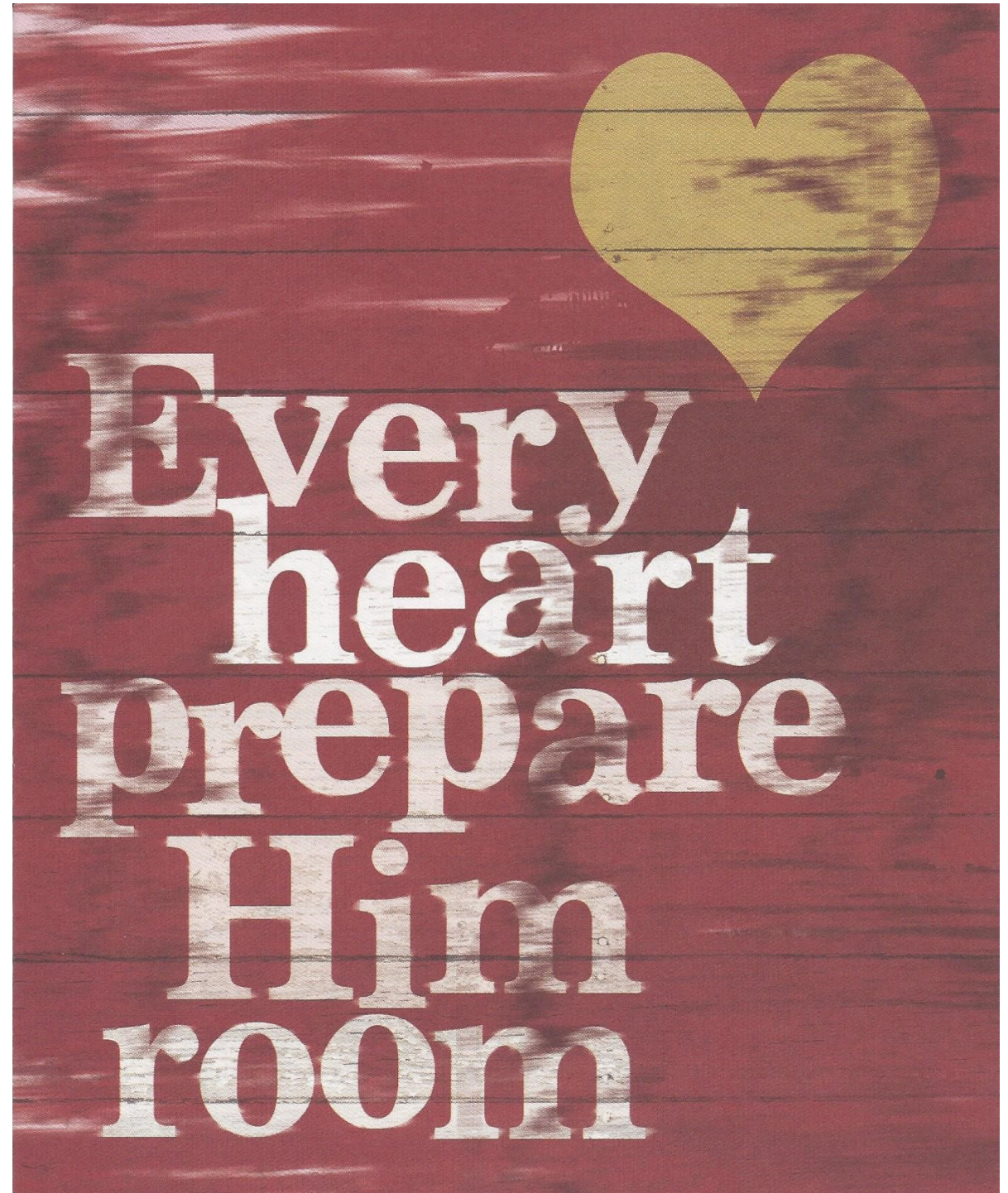




### Church Calendar

<b>Sunday, Dec. 24:</b>	7 pm – Lessons & Carols 11:30 pm – Candlelight Service
<b>Monday, Dec. 25:</b>	Christmas Day
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 26:</b>	Office Closed
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 27:</b>	7 pm – Cribbage, Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, Dec. 28:</b>	NO Bible Study
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31:</b>	10 am – Rev. Dalene Fuller Rogers leading worship

Do you have a bulletin announcement? Please submit it by Wednesday, 9 am, the week before.  
Email to: [adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org](mailto:adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org). Thank you.





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Candlelight Service, 11:30 pm  
 December 24, 2017

Welcome to Elijah Kellogg Church! We hope that you experience the presence of Christ among us tonight. May your Christmas be filled with hope and love and the joy and peace of Christ!

Prelude

Christmas Greetings

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord  
 has risen upon you.**

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
 and thick darkness the peoples;

**But the Lord will arise upon you,  
 and His glory appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light;

**And kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

**\*Carol 132** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**\*Prayer of Invocation and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Service**

The Prophecy of Isaiah                      Isaiah 9:2-7                      Pew Bible, p. 555

Lighting of the Advent and Christmas Candles

**Unison Prayer: Almighty God, You made this night holy by the gift of your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon Him rested all your grace, and through Him has come all your mercy. Let His light shine in our hearts tonight more brightly than it shines from these candles. Help us to hear your Word, to trust your Promises, and celebrate your everlasting love through Him. Amen.**

**Carol 140**                      "What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest"

The Christmas Story                      Luke 2:1-20                      Pew Bible, p. 832

**Carol 134**                      "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

A Christmas Prayer

**Service of Lights** (Please remain seated.)

Ushers light their candles and then light the candle of the first person in each row. People light the candles of the people next to them. Please keep your candles upright, and lit, through the singing of the hymn...

**Carol 138**                      "Silent Night, Holy Night"

**\*Benediction**

(Please extinguish your candles following the Benediction. Please leave candles and holders in the baskets by the church doors following this evening's service.)

Postlude

Merry Christmas! This evening's freewill Offering will be given to our church's Deacons Fund, monies that we use to help our members, friends, & neighbors in need. Collection plates are at the front and back entrances of our Meeting House. Thank you for your support of our church's ministries and outreach.

Our thanks to Elizabeth Quimby Cromwell for her musical accompaniment this evening, and all through the year!

\*All who are able, please stand.