

Worship Announcements for Mother's Day Offering

Please invite your Epworth Local Church Representative (or pastor if an LCR is not available) to share the following with your congregation during worship announcements in the weeks leading up to the Mother's Day Offering.

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

For children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect and placed in the residential program or in foster care with Epworth, Mother's Day can be an emotional day for them. It is our role as Christians to make sure that children served by Epworth know that they are loved on Mother's Day and every day. We can do that by supporting the Annual Mother's Day Offering that will be received next Sunday. Our contributions help Epworth to provide the services necessary to improve the lives of the children and also the families they serve across the state. We can be proud of our support of Epworth. In recent years, it has expanded to support the increasingly high numbers of children, youth and families who need their services. Epworth needs our support to continue to do this work. So next Sunday, on Mother's Day, please prayerfully consider the children and families whose lives are impacted daily because of Epworth.

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Epworth Children's Home was founded in 1896, with a mission of serving children whose families could not care for them. In 2024, 1,677 children, youth, and families were served because they had experienced some form of trauma. After 129 years, the mission remains the same: to serve children, youth and families through caring, safe, Christian communities, where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured and faith in God, self and others is developed. Epworth ensures the children are surrounded by loving Christian adults who work hard to create a warm, friendly and welcoming environment so that the children feel safe. Only then can they learn to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame and replace it with a life of self-respect, responsibility, and productivity.

How does Epworth do this work? Because of our generosity. Epworth relies heavily on the contributions received through the Mother's Day offering to provide direct care for the children who live on campus, those in foster care and the children and families receiving care and support through Epworth's variety of programs across our state. Please pray for Epworth and its clients and please prayerfully consider your part in supporting the work that Epworth does to make a difference in the lives of children and families every day.

Video Introduction

Optional - videos available at <https://vimeo.com/user137536566>.