



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

PRELUDE

"Méditation" from Thaïs

Massene

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

In the beginning was the Word,
 and the Word was with God,
 and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
 full of grace and truth.**

When the fullness of time came,
 God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,
**so that He might redeem those that were under the Law,
 that we might receive the adoption as sons.**

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Here we are to worship the great I Am!

HYMN #133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1 O come, all ye faithful,
 joyful and triumphant;
 O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come, and behold him,
 born the King of angels!
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!

O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;
 sing in exultation;
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, all
 glory in the highest!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing!
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

"Hope is a Star"

(verse 5)

Hope, peace, and joy and love were foretold. Jesus is born, bringing light to our world.

When God is a child, there's joy in our hearts.

The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong. And none shall be afraid.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Heavenly Father, we confess our sin, our frequent sin, our willful sin;
all our powers of body and soul are defiled; a fountain of pollution is deep within
our nature. There are chambers of foul images within our being;**

**we have gone from one odious room to another, walked in a no-man's land of
dangerous imaginations, pried into the secrets of our fallen nature.**

Because of Your great compassion and mercy, do not forsake and abandon us.

For Your Name sake, forgive us. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI #113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

(refrain only)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTURE

John 1.1-5, 14, 18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

ANTHEM

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Adoration"

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

HYMN #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY #145

"What Child is This?"

(verse 3 only)

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN #122

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

3 Silent Night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

2 Silent Night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;"
Christ the savior is born,
Christ the savior is born.

4 Silent Night, holy night!
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O, Holy Night"

Participants in this evening's service:

*The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor ~ Shaun Cloonan, minister of music ~ Sunny Sakai, pianist
Inori Sakai, violinist ~ Tyler McGuigan & Mandy Rineer, vocalists ~ John Foster, videographer*

IN HONOR AND MEMORIAM

*We are grateful for the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas.
They are lovingly presented to honor the birth of Christ as follows:*

IN HONOR OF:

Our Parents—by Chris and Rhonda Apeessos
Buckbee and Hayley Families-full of love—by Marcia Haley
Our Loving Mother, Elaine Cloonan—by Shaun, Ryan and Kristi Cloonan
FPCE Book Club-strong in wisdom, friendship and love—by Marcia Haley
Honorably Retired Rev. Michael Rucker & Heather Wilson—by Shaun Cloonan
Abigail and Spencer Lehrian—by the Lehrian's
Music Ministry, missing you all, but we're together apart—by Shaun Cloonan
My Maple Avenue Neighbors-so kind and nurturing, with words, food, love—by Marcia Haley
Connie and Tom Ochs-the best of friends, always there for me and for others—by Marcia Haley
"Salliemom", Sallie Monk—by "Shawhee"
The Team that makes online worship happen: Pastor Tony, Judy, Sunny and John—by Shaun Cloonan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Catherine A. and Joseph E. Armstrong and Claire Fisher—by Cathy Fisher
Madeline Balsbaugh and Aletha Haley-loving mothers; amazing women—by Marcia Haley
Joseph A. Bonner, Dr. Shirley Harrold Bonner—by Meg and Jeb Bonner
Tim Carr, our faithful bass—by the Sanctuary Choir
Tim Carr-simply irreplaceable in our choir and in our lives, a wise and funny soul—by Marcia Haley
Parents, John & Isabelle Crean, Brothers, John and Kevin Crean, Sister, Angela Mowery—by Bill and Martha Crean
Bob Cunningham—by Nancy Cunningham and Christine Haas
John Dale-a wonderful friend—by Marcia Haley
My Dad, Bill Elliott—by Judy Mysels
Former North Hills Music Coworkers: Areta, Sue, Mike & Erin—by Shaun Cloonan
Jim Haley-simply the best!!! - by Marcia Haley
Roberta Hart—by Nancy Cunningham and Christine Haas
Debbie Hetzer—by the Lehrian's
Edward Hetzer—by the Lehrian's
Florence and Paul Kuhl —by Russ and Flo Raisig
Brothers/Uncles: Bob Lawson and Dave Lawson—by Jim, Amy and J.D. Moore
Bud and Betty Lawson—by Jim, Amy and J.D. Moore
Harold Lehrian—by the Lehrian's
Bob Lewis—by the Cloonan Family
Anne Ryan McConnell—by her Family
Charles McConnell—by his Family
Patricia (Polly) McConnell—by her Family
Edward McCrady III—by Brenda McCrady
Patti Mielke, our former "choir mom" - by Shaun and the Choir
Parents/Grandparents, Jim and Louise Moore—by Jim, Amy and J.D. Moore
Sisters/Aunts: Liz Mowry and Joyce Porter—by Jim, Amy and J.D. Moore
Edna and Charles Raisig—by Russ and Flo Raisig
Richard Roller—by Myrna Roller
Parents, Thomas & Margaret Smith, Brother, Brian Smith—by Bill and Martha Crean
Mae and Bob Wilkinson—by the Cloonan Family
Lynne and Paul Yester—by the Cloonan Family