



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship  
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper & Candlelighting  
8:00PM, Christmas Eve – December 24, 2021**

\*All who are able, please stand.

*Please pick up communion elements from the back of the sanctuary to partake of the bread and cup from your seat during the sacrament when the time comes later in the worship service. Also make sure to have a candle for the candlelighting!*

**PRELUDE**

"Sleepers, Awake"

J.S. Bach/Busoni

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

As Joseph sought shelter for his family, we come seeking.

**We seek peace, rest, safety.**

With Joseph, we seek to serve.

**We seek our place in the story of God-with-us; we seek purpose.**

The door is open, the space is sacred,

God's Spirit is here to receive our praise and hear our prayers.

**We gather in wonder and joy, ready to respond to God's great gift in Christ!**

**\*HYMN #134**

"Joy to the World!"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**LITURGY OF PREPARATION & CONFESSION –  
A STORY OF LIGHT & DARKNESS** (responsive)

*The Lehrian Family*

...“Let there be light”

**And there was light.**

Let us pray together:

**Lord Jesus Christ, who chose, at Bethlehem, to meet us, make us ready to lose and leave all that makes us proud and sufficient. Let our knees bend to you, our hearts cradle you, our lips sing you songs of love.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Hear the voice of the prophet, ringing through night sky:

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.**

*(the Christ candle is lighted)*

Christ came, that we might be saved through him.

Friends, receive the good news: We are forgiven!

**Christ is our light and our salvation. Thanks be to God!**

**\*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!

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

*(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)*

**GATHERING SONG #114**

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**ANTHEM**

"Mary, Did You Know?"

arr. Lloyd Larson

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**SERMON****"Reflections on Longing: The Now and the Not Yet"****Rev. Weekley-Mills****ANTHEM**

"Cantique de Noël"

Adolphe Adam

**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**[fpcedgewood.org/donate](http://fpcedgewood.org/donate)**RESPONSE**

"What Child is This?"

*(verse 3 only)*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, 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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is a wondrous night for Emmanuel, God-with-us, has come to touch our world, our lives.

God-with-us has come to bring us out of darkness into a glorious light.

God-with-us invites us to come to the table, trusting in the promises of God.

Here we hear angels, and see shepherds, and are transformed by a baby.

Here love is offered, and love is found, in the sharing of bread and cup.

**Here we find our journey's end and its beginning.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on earth.

You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

**When we were unfaithful and turned from your ways,**

**you did not forsake us, your love remained steadfast.**

**You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,**

**and sent prophets to call us back to your way.**

In the fullness of time you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.

In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity,

became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,

and we beheld your glory, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

**Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all**

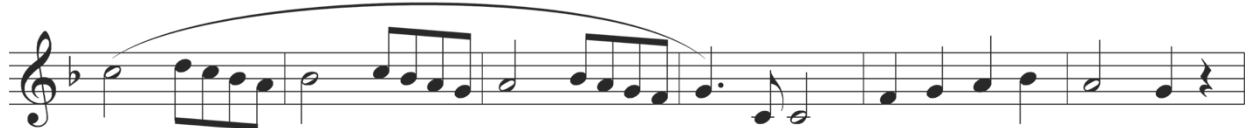
**the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts, all praise be giv'n!  
Bles-sed is the one who came, bring-ing love and light di-vine.



All your glo - ry fills the earth; all your pow - er fills the heav'ns.  
Bles-sed is the king who comes in the bread and in the wine.



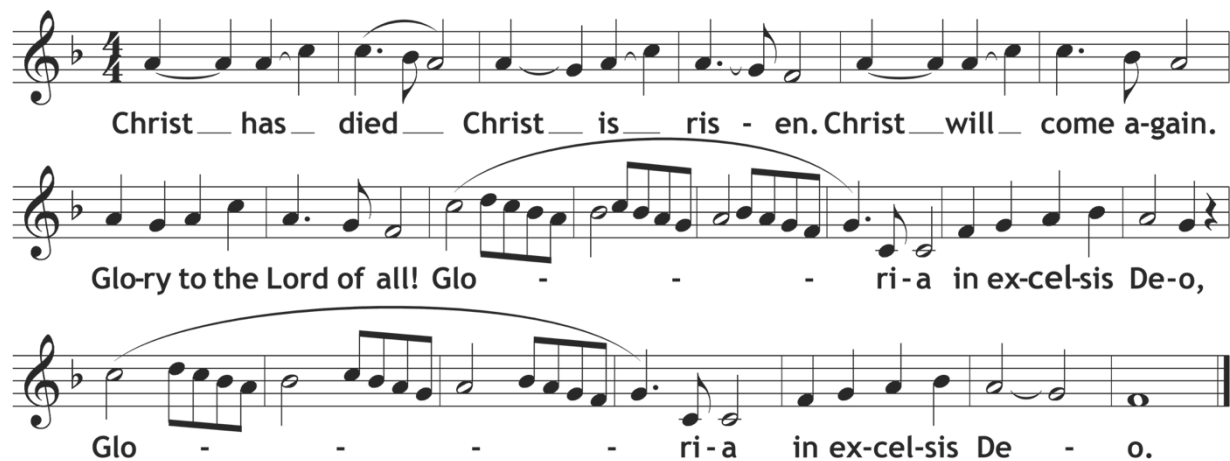
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You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
 Born in humility, **he came to rule over all.**  
 Helpless as an infant, **he revealed the power of your love,**  
 Poor in things of the word, **he brought the wealth of your grace.**  
 Rejected by many, **he welcomed all who sought him.**  
 In his dying and rising,  
**you gave birth to your church,**  
**delivered us from slavery to sin and death,**  
**and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
 we take from your creation this bread and this cup  
 and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.  
**With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you**  
**to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.**



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
 that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,**  
**that we may be one with all who share this feast,**  
**united in ministry in every place.**  
**As this bread is Christ's body for us,**  
**send us out to be the body of Christ for the world.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory and honor are yours. almighty God, now and forever.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.*  
*If you have not already done so, please pick up the bread and cup from the back of the sanctuary to partake of the elements from your seat when directed.*

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Christ Jesus, born among us, as a mother feeds her child with her body,  
so you feed us with yours, giving us the bread to eat and the cup to drink.

**May these gifts of grace nourish us deeply, that we may become your body  
in the world and live as instruments of your great love; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS OURS TO SPREAD

*The Lehrian Family*

### THE MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

### THE CANDLELIGHTING

## \*CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

"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.

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.

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.

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

*merry christmas*

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### Participants in this worship service:

**The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills**, guest pastor | **Lorraine Douthett**, liturgist

**The Lehrian Family**, advent candle lighters & readers

**Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **Tyler McGuigan**, vocalist

**Jim Segedy**, videographer

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## Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

While Allegheny County is in the high transmission rate for COVID-19, the Worship Committee has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of hymns and responses. Lyrics will continue to be printed in the bulletin for those following along online.

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have. Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TONIGHT: first, welcome! Please fill out a blue visitor's card found in the pew rack. If you are interested in being on our email or newsletter mailing lists, please provide that information so we can keep in touch. We hope you consider joining us more often!

WE'RE GRATEFUL TO the Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills for serving as our guest pastor throughout the season of Advent and tonight's Christmas Eve worship.

WE ARE THANKFUL TO Ruth Miller and her team that beautifully arranged the Christmas poinsettias on the chancel. You are welcome to take your purchased plant after this evening's service to enjoy throughout the Christmas season.

### UPCOMING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

*Please join us!*

December 26 – Service of Lessons & Carols

January 2 – Epiphany Worship with Readers Theater

January 9 – Baptism of the Lord/Communion/Installation of Officers, Rev. Fairlight Lower preaching

January 16 – Emerging Worship, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

January 23 – Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching, Annual Meeting follows worship

January 30 – Jason Dauer preaching



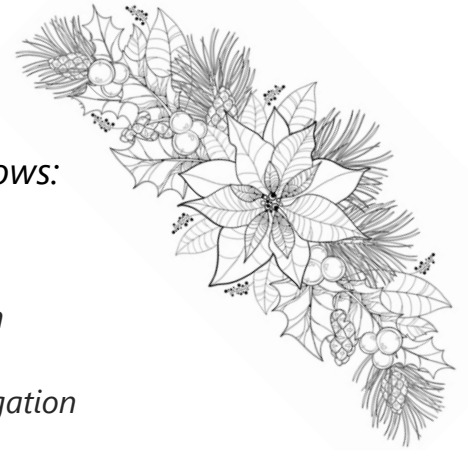
*Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ,  
our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*



## IN HONOR & 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 Loving Mother, Elaine Cloonan—by Shaun, Ryan, and Kristi Cloonan*

*Our Pastoral Search and the PNC – by Shaun Cloonan*

*The Amazingly Gifted and Talented Sunny Sakai – by a Grateful Congregation*

*The Sanctuary Choir & Worship Ensemble – by Shaun Cloonan*

*The Hardworking Staff & Session of FPCE – by Shaun Cloonan*

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Catherine A. and Joseph E. Armstrong and Claire Fisher—by Cathy Fisher*

*Tim Carr, our Always Faithful Bass—by Shaun and the Choir*

*Darren Albert Clark, I Miss You & Love You So Much—by Carol Hartman Tessauro*

*Helen “Grandma” Cloonan – by the Cloonan Family*

*Sandi Masten Cloonan – by the Cloonan Family*

*Parents, John and Isabelle Crean, Brothers, John and Kevin Crean, Sister, Angela Mowery  
— by Bill and Martha Crean and Family*

*Bob Cunningham – by Nancy Cunningham and Christine Haas*

*Our Deacons Who Loved to Serve: Tim, Helen, Ed, Sallie—by Mary Ann Hartman*

*My Parents, Bill and Eleanor Elliott—by Judy Mysels*

*My Loving Grandparents-The Fabians & Hartmans – by Mary Ann Hartman*

*Former North Hills Music Co-Workers: Areta, Sue, Mike & Erin — by Shaun Cloonan*

*Albert & Lucille Hartman, I Miss & Love You So Much—by Carol Hartman Tessauro*

*Always in My Heart & Thoughts-Mom & Dad, Lucille & Al – by Mary Ann Hartman*

*Florence and Paul Kuhl and—by Flo and Russ 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*

*Bob Lewis—by the Cloonan Family*

*My Parents & Sister – by George Markovic*

*“Salliemom”, Sallie Monk—by “Shawhee”*

*Anne McConnell—by her Family*

*Charles McConnell—by his Family*

*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 Chuck Raisig - by Russ and Flo Raisig*

*Parents, Thomas and Margaret Smith, Brother, Brian Smith—by Bill and Martha Crean and Family*

*My Uncle Bob Soderberg-Love You – by Jason Hartman*

*John C. Thompson, Jr., my Dear Husband – by Roberta (Bobbie) Thompson*

*Mae and Bob Wilkinson—by the Cloonan Family*