

**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship**  
**Christmas Eve – December 24, 2022 at 8:00PM**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**PRELUDE**

"Offertoire"  
"Partita for Flute," Movement 1

Johannes Donjon  
J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

Leader: Light and Peace, in Christ our Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*\* We invite you to rise in body or in spirit where there are asterisks \**

*We invite you to read all **bold** words aloud with the community*

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

The heavens and earth are rejoicing.

**Let all creation sing to God!**

Let the seas roar and the trees of the forest sing.

**Let all creation sing to God!**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Let us sing to God a new song. Let all creation sing to God!**

May the grace of the Holy Mystery be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

*We start services with a "Call to Worship" to establish the context for worship as an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

On this day, gratitude overflows from our hopeful hearts, for the yoke of our burden, the bar across our shoulders, the rod of our oppressor have been shattered — through peace, through justice, through righteousness, through a child. **Amen.**

**\*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; (3x)  
Christ, the Lord!

glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him; (3x)  
Christ, the Lord!

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

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; (3x)  
Christ, the Lord!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Once we knew only the shadows;  
now we know the glory of God.  
Once we lived in deep despair;  
now the love of God shines upon us.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*We turn from communal praise to corporate confession, not for shame nor in guilt, but to wrestle honestly with the impact we have on each other. We do so with the knowledge of God's grace for all people.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord our God, we confess that we still stumble in the shadows.  
We are captive to our desires and limit those who long for freedom.  
We indulge in our weaknesses and use our strength to hurt others.**

**Forgive us, O Lord our God.  
Break the yoke of oppression, and destroy the weapons of war.  
Set us free to serve you, and fill us with your peace.  
Establish your holy realm of justice and righteousness, now and forevermore;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ—the Prince of Peace—let us forgive one another.  
May the peace of this holy child be with you. **And also with you.**

### \*RESPONSE #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.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of beauty, goodness, and truth,  
guide the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news, who proclaims salvation.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may break forth in singing,  
until all the ends of the earth echo the wonder of your work;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

CEB

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.  
You have made the nation great;  
you have increased its joy.  
They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as those who divide plunder rejoice.  
As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that  
burdened them,

#### Lectio Divina

*As we read these passages, allow your mind to focus on one sentence of word—you don't need to comprehend it all! How might the Spirit be speaking to you today through these ancient words?*

the staff on their shoulders,  
and the rod of their oppressor.  
Because every boot of the thundering warriors,  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned, fuel for the fire.  
A child is born to us, a son is given to us,  
and authority will be on his shoulders.  
He will be named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
There will be vast authority and endless peace  
for David's throne and for his kingdom,  
establishing and sustaining it  
with justice and righteousness  
now and forever.

The zeal of the Lord of heavenly forces will do this.

## PSALM 96

O sing a new song to the LORD;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth.**  
**O sing to the LORD; bless his name.**

Proclaim his salvation day by day.  
**Tell among the nations his glory,**  
**and his wonders among all the peoples.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad;  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise.  
**Let the land and all it bears rejoice.**  
**Then will all the trees of the wood shout for joy.**

At the presence of the LORD, for he comes,  
he comes to judge the earth.  
**He will judge the world with justice;**  
**he will govern the peoples with his truth.**

## ANTHEM

"How Far is it to Bethlehem?"

Mack Wilberg

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-14

NRSVUE

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered [in a census]. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

RGP

*Coming to us from the worship of ancient Judaism, the psalms have been at the heart of Christian prayer and praise across the centuries. Throughout its history, the Reformed tradition has given a special place to singing the psalms in worship. The Psalm is not intended as a reading but a response to the first reading.*

Now in that same region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

### \*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!"

hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
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;

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!"

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

*from the Confession of 1967*

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.**

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God in word and deed  
and became a brother to all.**

**The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity.**

**Those joined to him by faith are set right with God  
and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community.**

**Christ is head of this community, the church,  
which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.**

**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing  
power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,**

and goodness in receiving sinners.

**The power of God's love to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord  
and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

Give to God, all families of the nations—  
give to God glory and power! Bring gifts!  
For God is coming to establish justice on the earth!

**Let us bring our gifts to God,  
joining the joyful song of creation.**

#### RESPONSE

*"What Child is This?" (verse 3)*

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!

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Let us set the table of grace, bring additional chairs, and make bountiful meal—  
for angels and shepherds, entire oceans and forests,  
and everything that lives in them are coming  
to celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

We praise you, O Lord, for the gift of your Word.  
From the very beginning, your Word has been with you—  
bringing all things into being, giving life to all people.  
Your Word came into the world that all might believe.  
Those who receive your Word you claim as beloved children.

Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the people of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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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.

Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o,  
 Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

We give you thanks, O Lord, that in the fullness of time,  
 your Word became flesh and came to live among us.  
 Now we have seen the glory of your only begotten one.  
 Now we know the fullness of your grace and truth.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a-gain.

Glo-ry to the Lord of all! Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,  
 Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

Taking your Word upon our lips, we promise ourselves to you.  
 From this fullness, let us all receive grace upon grace upon grace.

We glorify you, O Lord, for the power of your Holy Spirit—  
 the light that cannot be extinguished, the fire that will never go out.  
 Send down your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup,  
 that our hearts may burn within us as we share this meal in Jesus' name.  
 Send us forth from this place to bring good news to the world,  
 proclaiming your Word to all.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God,  
let us pray, in the languages closest to our hearts, the prayer Jesus taught, saying:

**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.**

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

### ***All are welcome at Christ's table.***

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup,  
regardless of their age, understanding, or baptismal status.  
The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right  
bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the  
undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.*

*Gluten-Free wafers are available by asking.*

*Please come down the center aisle to receive the elements and partake,  
then deposit your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew  
as you return to your seat from the side aisles.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**      "Cantique de Noël" by Adolphe Adam

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, you have gathered us here  
in the great company of your people  
to sing hymns of praise,  
hear the message of redemption,  
and share the feast of grace.  
Now send us out with songs of joy,  
that all the world may know the good news of salvation;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The many-faceted meaning of this sacrament is seen in the names given to it. The title Lord's Supper recalls Jesus' institution of the sacrament with his disciples. Eucharist (thanksgiving) reminds us that we receive all of the benefits of God's grace with joy. Holy Communion reminds us that in this sacrament we are made one with Christ and with each other. The Breaking of the Bread describes the sacramental action by which Christ is known to his disciples.*

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

### **THE CANDLELIGHTING**

#### **READING**

from John 1:1-5, 9, 14a

*The Message Translation*

*As the pastor reads from John, an assistant will come to each pew to share the light of Christ.  
As you receive and pass the light of Christ, please only tilt the unlit candle towards the flame  
of a lit candle which is held straight up and down.*

*Use caution and avoid hair, clothing, and other flammables.*

*Also use caution with the hot melted wax.*

*Parents, or other adults, please assist small children.*

**\*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.

**BLESSING & CHARGE**

**SHARING CHRIST’S LIGHT IN THE WORLD**

*Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the worship service;  
we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.  
In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.*

*merry christmas*

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***Participants in this worship service:***

**Rev. Jason Dauer**, pastor | **Elder Lisa Segedy**, liturgist

**Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **Sarah Steranka**, flute | **The Sanctuary Choir**

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# Welcome

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US: 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, provide that information so we can keep in touch. We hope you consider joining us more often!

WE ARE GRATEFUL to have Sarah Steranka as our guest flute player during this evening's service. Sarah teaches private lessons here at FPCE during the week and her students recently held a recital in our sanctuary. Thanks for joining us and sharing your gift of music for Christmas Eve!

CHRISTMAS MORNING "FROM HOME" TOMORROW! Merry Christmas! There will be **NO** in-person worship tomorrow so that families can keep their usual Christmas morning routines and traditions. We have crafted a video presentation that will serve as our worship service in a sort of "Christmas Special" format. Please join us on Facebook and YouTube from the comfort of your home. The service will "go live" at 11:00AM so that all may view it in real time, and then it will be available to watch any time after that.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, January 1, 2023 for a service of Lessons & Carols as we continue our Christmastide celebration and welcome the New Year.

PASTOR JASON WILL BE on vacation and the office will be closed for most of the coming week due to the holidays. Please leave a phone message or send an email to Judy or Shaun if an urgent need arises.

## How can you become involved?

As we reimagine the ministries at FPCE, consider if you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God & faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving senior citizens
- Working in publicity/advertising

...please contact a member of our FPCE Family listed below for more details on how to become involved!

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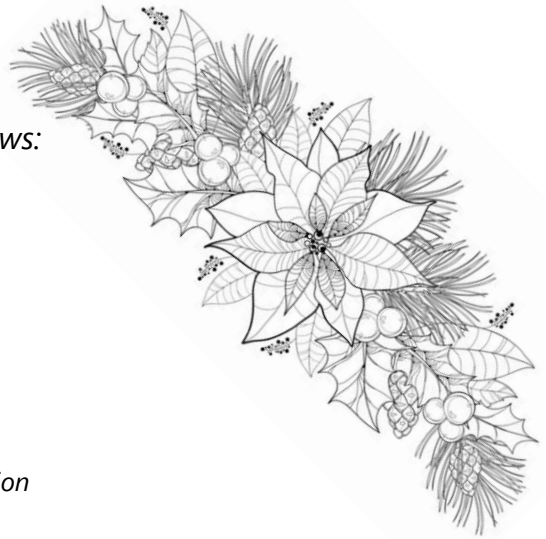
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love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

# 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, George & Cora Apossos and Joe & MaryRose Rudman  
– by Chris and Rhonda Apossos  
BSA Scouting-Pack 23 – Liz and Kurt Held  
Our Loving Mother, Elaine Cloonan – by Shaun, Ryan and Kristi Cloonan  
Abigail and Spencer Lehrian – Love, Mom and Dad  
Our Grandchildren: Tyler, Rylie, Brandon Ochs – by Tom and Connie Ochs  
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  
Helen 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  
Bob Cunningham, My Dad – by Christine Haas  
Helen and Chuck Dauer – by David and Jason Dauer  
My Parents, Bill and Eleanor Elliott - by Judy Mysels  
Gary Falk – by David and Jason Dauer  
Irene and David Falk – by David and Jason Dauer  
Former North Hills Music Co-Workers: Areta, Sue, Mike & Erin – by Shaun Cloonan  
My Parents, Al, Lucille Hartman-I Love You – by Carol Tessauro Hartman  
My Mom and Dad, Al & Lucille-Miss You & I Love You – by Mary Ann Hartman  
Deb and Ed Hetzer – Love, Angel, Matt, Abbey and Spencer Lehrian  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Kuhl III – by Russ and Flo Raisig  
Bob Lewis - by the Cloonan Family  
Bradley Masten – by Kay, Scott, Brooke, Brendan, Colin, Alec and Cora Masten  
Sandi Masten and Michael Schwartz – by Kay Masten  
"Salliemom", Sallie Monk, love you and miss you - by "Shawhee"  
Patti Mielke, our former "Choir Mom" - by Shaun and the Choir  
Beloved Husband and Father: Jim Moore – by Amy Moore and J.D.  
Parents: Jim & Louise Moore, Bud & Betty Lawson—by Amy Moore  
Siblings: Liz, Bob, Joyce, David Lawson - by Amy Moore  
Marilyn and Wesley Neely – by David and Jason Dauer  
Our Parents – by Tom and Connie Ochs  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raisig, Chuck, Mary Jo & Nancy - by Russ and Flo Raisig  
Catherine Rineer – by Mandy Rineer  
Oleta Roland – by Mandy Rineer  
Parents, Tom and Margaret Smith, Brother, Brian Smith - by Bill and Martha Crean and Family  
John Charles Thompson, Jr. – by Roberta (Bobbie) Thompson  
Uncle Darryl – Love, Angel, Matt, Abbey and Spencer Lehrian  
Mae and Bob Wilkinson - by the Cloonan Family  
Lynne and Paul Yester - by the Cloonan Family*





# Blessing Bags

FPCE is going to be building Blessing Bags on January 15th following the church service. These bags will be available for anyone to take and pass out to those in need. If you would like to make a financial donation please do so by January 8th or consider dropping off requested items (see list below) before January 15th. If you have any questions please email Tyler McGuigan at [mcguigantyl@yahoo.com](mailto:mcguigantyl@yahoo.com).

toothpaste

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small packs of tissues

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applesauce

granola bars

crackers

tuna packets

bottled water

socks

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