



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship**  
**Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

O Lord, God of Israel,  
there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below-  
You who keep your covenant of love with your servants  
who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.

O Lord, your preserve both man and beast.

**Continue your love to those who know you,  
your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

We enter your presence with humility and reverence.

**Here we are to worship you!**

**HYMN #137**

“He Came Down”

He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.

2 He came down that we may have light...  
3 He came down that we may have peace...  
4 He came down that we may have joy...

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

**CANDLE LIGHTING SONG**

“Hope is a Star”

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child, there’s joy in our song.

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

## CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of our salvation have mercy on us, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.**

**For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us.**

**Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

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

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to God"



Glo-ry be to God and to the Christ and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

### SCRIPTURE

John 3:16-21

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

### HYMN #108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

1 Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega;  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

2 By his Word was all created;  
he commanded; it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon's soft shining,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore!

3 O, that birth forever blessed  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

4 This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word.  
Now he shines, the long-expected.  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

“Love”

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

### HYMN #105

“People, Look East”

1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able;  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen

God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL 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

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN #110

“Love Has Come”

1 Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;

what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

3 Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

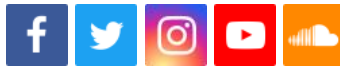
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our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*