



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
First Sunday of Christmas – December 27, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Worship is an act of the understanding, applying itself to the knowledge of the excellency of God, and actual thoughts of His majesty. . .

It is an act of the will, whereby the soul adores and reverences his majesty, is ravished with his amiableness, embraces his goodness, enters itself into an intimate communion with this most lovely object, and pitches all his affections upon him.

We enter His presence with humility and reverence.

Here we are to worship you, Almighty God!

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.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,
while fields & floods, rocks, hills, & plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Father, because of Your great compassion and mercy,
I come before your presence. You have struck a heavy blow at my pride,
at the false god of self, and I lie in pieces before you.
But, you have given me another Master and Lord, your son, Jesus,
and now my heart is turned towards holiness, my life speeds as an arrow from a
bow towards complete obedience to you. Help me in all my doings to put down
sin and to humble pride. Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life,
from everything that is natural to fallen man, and let Christ's nature be seen in me
day by day. Grant me grace to bear your will without repining, and delight to be
not only chiseled, squared, or fashioned, but separated from the old rock where I
have been embedded so long, and lifted from the quarry to the upper air,
where I may be built in Christ forever. For Your Name's sake, I pray. Amen.**
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #583

"Gloria, Gloria"

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria. Alleluia, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." ³ I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." ⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. ⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. ⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

HYMN #128

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

1 Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging
angels singing,
noels ringing,
tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing,
free from sorrow,
praises voicing
greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Secure in the Presence of God"

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

HYMN #121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

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

OFFERTORY #114

"Away in a Manger"

1 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.

2 The cattle are lowing;
the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus;

look down from the sky,
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
close by me forever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #136

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.
(Refrain)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.
(Refrain)

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

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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.*