



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship Epiphany of the Lord Sunday – January 3, 2021

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
**Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!**

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
**From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
**Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home!**

HYMN #151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.
(Refrain)

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High.
(Refrain)

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies.
(Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**Heavenly Father, Your Son modeled leadership and servanthood for us.
But we confess we have elevated our desires and plans over Your will for our lives
and for Your world. We want authority and power over others to use for our own
purposes. Forgive us for our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded
attention to Your way. Remind us You desire servants first and foremost.
Enable us to serve in the name of Jesus, the One who came to serve and to give
His life a ransom for many. In His name we pray. Amen.**
(private confession of sin)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God"

- 1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
- 2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 6:1-3

- ¹"Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

HYMN #827

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
- our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy
warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

3 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Let Us Press on to Know the Lord"

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

HYMN #150

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

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.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #147

"The First Noel"

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel

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.*