



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship**  
**A "Christmas in July" Service of Lessons & Carols – July 25, 2021**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

Come, all peoples of the earth and rejoice.

**Let us come to Bethlehem and see what God is doing.**

Come, friends of God, and be amazed.

**Let us come to the stable and see where God dwells.**

Come, all who have despaired of God's presence.

**Let us come to the manger and see that God is alive among us.**

Come, all who have known darkness.

**Let us come to the Christ Child, and see the light of the world.**

**\*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!

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

O come, let us adore him;  
 O come, let us adore him;  
 O come, let us adore him,  
 Christ, the Lord!

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!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Wondrous God, we gather like shepherds, unclean, unworthy, and awed by your presence. You understand the disquiet of our hearts and know how imperfectly we seek you. Still, you come to us. With grace and truth, you come — to break the yoke that burdens us, to bestow peace upon us, to bring light to our darkness, and to fill the earth with joy. O Emmanuel, we welcome and adore you.**

(Silent Confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*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. (*sing 3 times*)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### GATHERING SONG #88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD: LESSONS & CAROLS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE FIRST LESSON

"Adam"

Genesis 2:4b-7

#### THE SECOND LESSON

"The Branch from Jesse"

Isaiah 11:1-9

#### CAROL #129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.	2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
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#### THE THIRD LESSON

"A Promised Ruler"

Micah 5:2-5a

#### CAROL #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.

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

"Joseph's Acceptance"

Matthew 1:18-24

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

"Mary &amp; the Angel"

Luke 1:26-35,38

**CAROL #82**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
 born to set thy people free;  
 from our fears and sins release us;  
 let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation,  
 hope of all the earth thou art;  
 dear desire of every nation,  
 joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver,  
 born a child and yet a king,  
 born to reign in us forever,  
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
 By thine own eternal Spirit  
 rule in all our hearts alone;  
 by thine all-sufficient merit  
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

**THE SIXTH LESSON**

"The Birth of Jesus"

Luke 2:1-20

**CAROL #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!"

**THE SEVENTH LESSON**

"The Magi Visit"

Matthew 2:1-12

**CAROL #151**

"We Three Kings"

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!

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

**THE EIGHTH LESSON**

"The Word Became Flesh"

John 1:1-14

**\*CAROL #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.

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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.**

**\*HYMN #113**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**Thank you, God, for all the gifts you have given us. Most of all, we are grateful for the human child who became the embodiment of your Love. With our offerings, we worship the babe of Bethlehem and recommit ourselves as disciples of the man of Nazareth who he grew up to be. May the ministry and mission of this church be true to our crucified and risen Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*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:***

Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist

Tyler McGuigan, Mandy Rineer, vocalists/readers

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

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