



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021**

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

based on Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though were angry with me, your anger turned away and you comforted me.

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the nations; proclaim that God's name is exalted.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for the Lord has done gloriously; let this be known in all the
earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

***HYMN #88**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

(verses 1, 2, 6, 7 only)

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.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Johnny & Jen Hrebik

Hear God's promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16:

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Let us pray: Faithful God, out of death you bring life.

Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ's advent among us.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

We light this candle in hope. (*Light the first candle.*)

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

"Hope is a Star"

(verse 1)

Hope is a star that shines in night,

leading us on til the morning is bright.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We admit, O God, that we long for many things. Much of what we long for is not good for us or for others. Some of what we long for comes from insecurity, from a need to prove that we are successful and valuable. In this season of longing, guide us as we explore our own hearts and minds; redeem us as we identify those parts of us that do not reflect your light and love and give us renewed trust in you and in the path you set before us. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Isaiah 55:12-13

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace:

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Friends, rejoice in God's great mercy:

In Christ Jesus we are forgiven!

*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.**

(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

GATHERING SONG #92

“While We are Waiting”

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

ANTHEM

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Hymn #87

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,^[a]
a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

SERMON

“Longing for Redemption”

Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

***HYMN #314**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

(verses 1 & 2 only)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

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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RESPONSE #647

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we’re given
Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”;
let the poor say, “I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!”
Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills, guest pastor | Elder Lisa Segedy, liturgist
Johnny & Jennifer Hrebik, advent candle lighters
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
The Sanctuary Choir
John Foster, videographer

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Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

AUGUST 5, 2021 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, and in response to Allegheny County moving from the moderate to substantial transmission rate, the Worship Committee has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of hymns and responses. Lyrics will continue to be printed in the bulletin for those following along online.

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have. Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY: 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 WELCOME BACK TO OUR PULPIT the Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills as guest pastor for the season of Advent and Christmas Eve worship.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING immediately following worship on Sunday, December 12 for the purpose of electing officers and reviewing the 2022 preliminary budget approved by Session. All active members are asked to attend and vote.

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, "Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join Elder Tim Hoffman for a weekly one-hour bible study on the life of Joseph held on Zoom at 7:00pm Wednesday nights. <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724> No password is needed. Just copy paste the link into your browser and load the page. You will be automatically placed into a waiting room then brought into the main room by the host and moderator, Tim Hoffman. Email HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

NOMINATIONS are being accepted for Board of Deacons and Session. At least 4 slots need to be filled for the Deacons and at least 1 for Session. If you have never served on one of these boards and have new ideas or energy or have a nominee in mind, please contact Tim Hoffman at hoffmantl@gmail.com or call the Church Office.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew in sanctuary and blue bin at side vestibule entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

MARS HOME FOR YOUTH is seeking donations for their 2021 holiday drive to assist the boys and girls with having a more rewarding Christmas. A full list of items that can be purchased is attached as a full-page flyer. **All Donations Need to be Received by December 6th** Shop online and ship gifts directly to: MHY Family Services "HOLIDAY PROGRAM" 521 Route 228 Mars, PA 16046

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent, Communion
December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent, Reception of New Members, Congregational Meeting
December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Emerging Worship/Blue Christmas
December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion, 8:00PM
December 26 – Service of Lessons & Carols

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

December 4 – ESO "Home for the Holidays" Concert, 7:30PM, reserve tix: edgewoodsymphony.org
December 11 – Light Up Edgewood Community Carol Sing, 6:30PM
December 12 – Vocal Confluence "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Show, 3:00PM

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room,
GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study,
S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Monday, November 29

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, November 30

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)
8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Wednesday, December 1

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Thursday, December 2

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, December 3

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, December 4

7:30PM Edgewood Symphony Concert (S)

Next Sunday, December 5

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Communion Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)

How can you become involved?

As we reopen, working to rebuild and 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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The Entire Congregation



*Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ,
our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

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MHY FAMILY SERVICES' CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Critical Needs

Twin Size Comforters & Sheets
Big Bath Towels & Washcloths
Body Wash & Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner/2 in 1 Shampoo
Multicultural Hair Products

Personal Care Needs

New Duffle Bags & Backpacks
Large Reusable Shopping Bags
(from TJ Maxx & Marshalls)
Plastic Reusable Water Bottles *(new)*
Batteries (AA & AAA)
Feminine Products
Hair Brushes & Hair Picks
Body Spray/Cologne Gift Sets
Athletic Shoes
* *(Men sizes 6-13, Women sizes 6-11)*
Sports Bras *(Adult sizes)*
Boxer Briefs *(Men & Women sizes)*
Socks & Underwear *(Adult sizes)*

Gift Cards

Amazon
Walmart
Giant Eagle
Target
Aldi
Chick-fil-A
Dollar Tree
Five Below
Kohl's
Michaels

Arts & Crafts

Tie Dye & Jewelry Making Kits
Gem Art & Paint by Number Kits
Art Canvas without staples
Acrylic & Pastel Paints and Brushes
Kinetic Sand & Molding Clay
Poster Boards & Markers
Origami Books & Paper



Electronics

MP3 Players
Small Portable Speakers
Alarm Clocks with Radios
DVD's & 3D movies - G/PG/PG13
Nintendo Switch & E games *(all ages)*
Noise-cancelling Headphones & Earbuds

Games & Other Fun

Legos *(all types)*
New Stuffed Animals
Squishies & Squishmallows
Stress Balls & Fidget Spinners
Push Pop Bubble Toys
Thinking Putty & Play-Doh
Young Adult Books
Wall Stickers for Decor
Puzzles, Board & Card Games
Magic: The Gathering Cards
Word Search & Crossword Games
Candy & Holiday Treats

Monetary Donations

To ensure MHY youth have all they need to support their individual, personal care and therapeutic needs, please consider a monetary gift. Giving is easy!



Simply visit mhyfamilyservices.org

(or scan the QR code and go directly to our site) and make a secure on-line gift. Or make a check payable to "Mars Home for Youth Foundation."

All gifts will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible receipt.



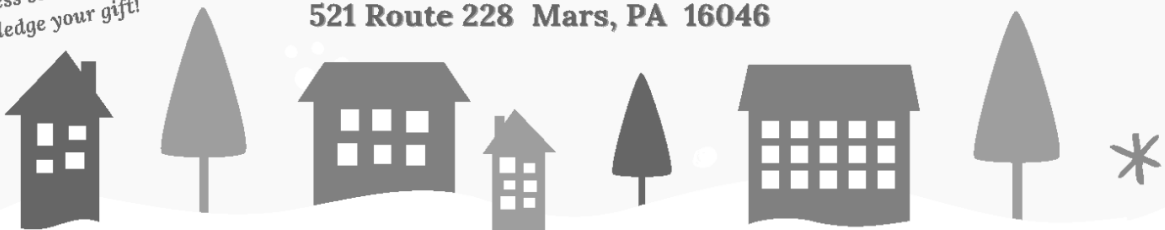
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*Please include your name & address so we may acknowledge your gift!



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For questions or to schedule an appointment to drop off holiday gifts, please contact Karen Harvey at kharvey@mhyfamilyservices.org or 724.625.3141 x 283.

Thank you for your kindness and for making our children feel so special this holiday season!