

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • December 17, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal		EPC Ringers
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Connie Happell
Prelude	"Angels from the Realms of Glory"	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Michael Massey
Opening Prayer		
*Hymn 38	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	
Unison Prayer of Confession		

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our failure to be what You created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. By Your loving mercy, help us to live in Your light and abide in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen

Assurance of Pardon		
*Praise Hymn	"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"	
Affirmation of Faith		The Apostles' Creed
Anthem	"Bethlehem Wind"	

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message		NaEisha Owens
New Testament Lesson	Luke 1:5-25	Patricia Banks
Sermon	"Hope for the Humble"	Rev. Connie Happell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and 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

Offertory	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn	"What Child is This?"	
*Benediction		
Postlude		

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

A prayer partner is available at the front of the chapel after worship.

Edgewood Presbyterian Church
God's People • Christ's Followers
on the move with the Spirit

Christmas Eve Services

11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

Birthday Party for Jesus. All are invited to join us on the 3rd floor at 9:30 a.m. on December 24 for cake, light refreshments and fellowship in honor of Jesus' birthday.

The Church Office will be closed December 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Advent Wednesday Night Devotionals via Zoom. Join Pastor Connie at 7:30 p.m. for a brief time of reflection on the focus scripture from our Advent devotional. The Zoom link can be found in the newsletter.

EPC Pew Rescue. Bill Massey has rescued several pews from the former EPC sanctuary and if you would like to have one in your home, he will modify a pew to your desired length (up to 8 feet). Questions? Contact Bill at kbmassey1@gmail.com.

Young Adults: A Time of Worship and Fellowship. Join us via Zoom weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Contact Pete Sanders-Nesbitt for details.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is in need of twin size bedding, blankets, and pillows. If you'd like to donate, see Karen Wetherell.

Are you a visitor? Do you desire prayer? Would you like a call? Let us know by noting this on the "Connect with Us" card in your pew and placing the card in the offering plate as it is passed. (All prayer requests are considered confidential.)

Please Remember in Prayer

Homebound

Bob & Claudia Wells
 Tom Collins
 Mildred Hunter (no cards)
 Lee Hartline
 Susan Knight
 Margaret Greene

Health Concerns

Jean Fleisch
 Sheryl Wright
 Eunmee Park
 Bob Ligon
 Ted Ford
 Barry Ferguson

Grieving

Martha Jane Roark
 Julie Miller
 The Wright Family

Church Staff

Pastor
 Director of Music
 Youth/Young Adult Coordinator
 Pianist
 Office Administrator
 Custodian
 Commissioned Ruling Elders

Rev. Connie Happell
 Sue Ellen Williams
 NaEisha Owens
 Eunmee Park
 JoAnna Williams
 James Mills
 Susan Gilbert
 Pete Sanders-Nesbitt

Calendar

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 pm—Young Adult Worship
 & Fellowship via Zoom

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 pm—Choir Practice
 6:30 pm—Handbell Practice
 7:30 pm—Devotional via Zoom

Sunday, December 24

9:30 am—Birthday Party for Jesus
 11:00 am—Worship
 5:30 pm—Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Serving Edgewood

Children's Church

Cynthia Frey

Communion

Kristina Massey, Sheryl Wright,
 Lisa Youmans

Greeters/Ushers

Andrew Massey, Bill Massey,
 Karen Wetherell

Greeting Cards

Stephanie Blackwell

Prayer Partner

Lu Ann Hoffman

Sanctuary

Sanctuary Team

Sound

Andrew Massey

vMix

Chris Posey

Screens

Kris Jain

Camera

Allen Posey

December Birthdays

Bob Wells	3rd
James Smith	7th
Walter Williams	16th
Bob Wetherell	17th
Nicholas Smith	17th
Ted Ford	18th
Patricia Banks	23rd
Lee Hartline	24th
Claudia Wells	24th
Tom Collins	24th
Barry Cosby	25th
Lloyd Frey	26th
Molly Summers	27th
George Haugen	27th



Edgewood @ First

Meeting in the Chapel of First Presbyterian Church

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