

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • December 24, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal		EPC Ringers
Welcome and Announcements		Susan Gilbert, CRE
Prelude	"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Bob Wetherell
Opening Prayer		Susan Gilbert, CRE
*Call to Worship		from Psalm 89
*Hymn 29	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	
Unison Prayer of Confession		

Merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sin. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We have abused Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, and of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen

Assurance of Pardon		
*Praise Song	"Carol Medley"	
Affirmation of Faith		The Apostles' Creed
Anthem	"Ding Dong Merrily on High"	

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message		Rev. Connie Happell
New Testament Lesson		Luke 3:1-18
Sermon	"Preparing Our Hearts for the Gift of the Christ Child"	Susan Gilbert Commissioned Ruling Elder

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	"A Classical Christmas Medley with Bach and Rachmaninoff"	
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn 36	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	
*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

**Join us this evening for our
 Candlelight Communion Service
 at 5:30 p.m.**

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

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	Rev. Connie Happell
Director of Music	Sue Ellen Williams
Youth/Young Adult Coordinator	NaEisha Owens
Pianist	Eunmee Park
Office Administrator	JoAnna Williams
Custodian	James Mills
Commissioned Ruling Elders	Susan Gilbert
	Pete Sanders-Nesbitt



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Calendar

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

Wednesday, December 27

No Choir Practice
 No Handbell Practice

Sunday, December 31

11:00 am—Worship

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Serving Edgewood

Children's Church

Cynthia Frey

Greeters/Ushers

Andrew Massey, Bill Massey,
 Karen Wetherell

Greeting Cards

Stephanie Blackwell

Prayer Partner

Liz Allison

Sanctuary

Sanctuary Team

Sound

Walter Nesbitt

vMix

Chris Posey

Screens

Kris Jain

Camera

Allen Posey

December Birthdays

Bob Wells	3rd
Kathy Mewbourne	6th
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
George Haugen	27th
Brianna Evans	31st