



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Epiphany of the Lord Sunday – January 2, 2022**

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

The event of the Epiphany in the Gospel of Matthew refers to God's self-revelation in the baby Jesus, recognized by the Magi after their journey from the East.

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

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The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

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**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord:

For God has done wondrous things!

***HYMN #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!

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)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us:

Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world.

Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem.

Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star:

**Let the light break into our lives and our world,
and transform us into people of the light.**

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness:

God of light and darkness, We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths.

We admit that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves.

As the star guided the Wise Men on their journey:

**Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps
and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

(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.**

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

GATHERING SONG

"As We Gather"

As we gather may your Spirit work within us. As we gather may we glorify your name. Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed because we came, we'll be blessed because we came.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

- ¹ Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
- ² May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.
- ³ May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
bring tribute to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.
- ¹² For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.
- ¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
- ¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

HYMN #152

"What Star is This, With Beams So Bright"

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| <p>1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.</p> | <p>3 While outward signs the star displays,
an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.</p> |
| <p>2 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.</p> | <p>4 O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.</p> |

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the

We ask that you bring the wisdom of the Magi to our leaders, teachers and healthcare workers, as they serve as your hands and hearts here on this earth;

Oh Lord, Hear our Prayers.

Dear Christ, we ask for your guidance and strength as we serve as your messengers, following your light to those that may not know the gifts you have bestowed upon us;

Oh Lord, Hear our Prayers.

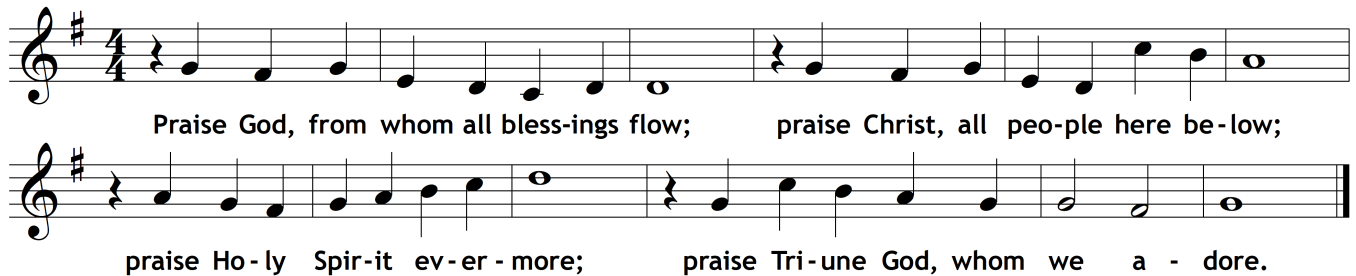
AN EPIPHANY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

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.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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.
(Refrain)

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.
(Refrain)

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.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Elder Jim Segedy, worship leader | Elder Lisa Segedy, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Tyler McGuigan, song leader
Lorraine Douthett, John Foster, readers

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

While Allegheny County is in the high transmission rate for COVID-19, the Worship Committee has established 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!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow in observance of the New Year holiday.

ANNUAL REPORTS from ministries and committees are due to Judy in the office by January 15. Please email your report to office@fpcedgewood.org.

NEED A LIFT? The Session is aware that a few of our members are unable to drive themselves to worship and want to offer some assistance. If you could benefit from a ride to worship on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office. Likewise, if you can OFFER a ride to someone, please let us know!

Join us for upcoming worship services:

January 9 – Baptism of the Lord, Communion, the Rev. Fairlight Lower preaching

January 16 – Emerging Worship, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

January 23 – Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching, Congregational Meeting follows

January 30 – Jason Dauer preaching

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, January 3

Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)
7:30PM PNC Meeting (GP)

Thursday, January 6

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

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8

7:30PM Edgewood Symphony Concert (S)

Next Sunday, January 9

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



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EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



*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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