



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High

**To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning  
And Your faithfulness by night.**

With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,  
With resounding music upon the lyre.

**For You, O Lord, have made us glad by what You have done,  
We will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.**

**HYMN #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.

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**

## 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.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen above our heads and our guilt has grown even to the heavens. Because of Your great compassion and mercy, do not abandon us, and for Your Name sake, forgive us.**

(silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to God"



Glo-ry be to God and to the Christ and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

### ANTHEM

"The People Who Walked in Darkness"

Hymn #86

### SCRIPTURE

Titus 2.11-14

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

"The Blessed Hope"

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

## **HYMN #314**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
(Refrain)

Refrain:

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

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.  
(Refrain)

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)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.  
(Refrain)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

## **INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

### **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.

2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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***Participants in this worship service:***

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our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*