

# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

## Midweek Update – Dec. 22, 2021

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### Advent Tidbits:

Here is a spiritual nugget from each of our Sundays this Advent season.

- Life, like Advent, is a journey. Who am I following on my daily journey?
- What if the good, the bad, and the ugly is actually the good, the good and the good?
- Salvation is in my mind. It is not enough to talk to the Holy Spirit. Today, I can invite the Holy Spirit inside of me, into my mind.
- We are all pregnant with God. Every person I encounter is an invitation to let the Divine Spark within me leap for joy.
- In all things, in every moment, when I come back to myself, I remember:

God is indeed my salvation;  
I will trust and won't be afraid.



### Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world and into our hearts on **Friday, December 24 at 4pm** in the sanctuary or on Zoom for a service of good news and music and communion and candles. We will **not** have worship services on the next Sunday, December 26, but will regather on January 2, 2022!

### Update from Heather Grantham

Hi Folks! I wanted to update you that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery voted in favor of my transfer to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. This is a procedural step, and yet it holds tender emotions for me as I officially mark the end of my relationship with my Oklahoma church

and presbytery. I feel so blessed and grateful for EPC for being able to hold all these complex feelings with me, as we navigate together what God is saying to us in this moment. I thank you for your presence and love.

I know EPC does not have services on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> so if you are craving some church, feel free to come over to Hamline Church for our 10am service. We will have a lowkey service of carols and story. I wish you a very blessed Christmas – this is such a magical and miraculous time as we look for how God is being born again and again, among us.

*[NOTE: the Session brought over flowers from EPC to Heather to celebrate this milestone and transition. Yay Heather and welcome to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area!]*

## **Zoom Worship in the New Year**

Session voted this month to have Zoom-only worship (without an in-person gathering) on the 3rd Sundays for the first quarter of 2022. Please mark your calendars that **January 16th, February 20th, and March 20th** we will **gather on Zoom for worship**. The link is still on the church website ([www.epchurch.org](http://www.epchurch.org)). If you need assistance in setting up Zoom on a home device, please let Pastor Luna know. She is happy to virtually meet with you during the week to make this a smooth transition!

## **December Mission: Project Home**

Yesterday, Eleta delivered all of your generous donations including:

- Socks - 46 pairs
- Lotion - 6 large, 14 travel size
- Mittens - adult size 14 pair, kid size 14 pair
- Hats - 5
- Blanket - 1
- Toothpaste - 1
- Sheets - 5 sets
- Mattress pads - 2
- Stuffed animals - 2
- Ornaments - 2

Thank you for sharing some Christmas spirit with these families this year.

## **Enneagram Group in 2022**

Pastor Phil here. Early in 2022, I would like to start a group that will study the Enneagram together. I would plan to meet twice per month on Wednesday evenings at 7pm - maybe the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We would start by reading and discussing the book *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* by Don Riso and Russ Hudson, and then explore areas of growth suggested by the passions and fixations of our type. The purpose of this group is not so much learning as it is personal growth and freedom. If you are interested in exploring this group, please contact me at [pastorphilgg@gmail.com](mailto:pastorphilgg@gmail.com).

## **Year-end Giving**

Thank you for your generous giving to the work and ministry of Edgcumbe Church over the past year. Remember that for donations to be counted for the 2021 tax year, they need to be received in the church office on or before December 31, 2021. Donations can also be made through the church website by clicking on the GIVE NOW button in the upper left. Thank you!