



# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

## Midweek Update

December 29, 2021

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### Baby Jesus Grows Up

On Christmas Eve, Pastor Luna reminded us that Jesus is not just a snuggly baby but also is:

- A Teacher—What is Jesus trying to teach me today?
- A Healer—If we invite Christ's Spirit into our minds, then we are given the gift of freedom from fear, which is our primary illness.
- The One Who Wakes Us Up: God, today give me the willingness to wake up from soul-sleep and follow you in my every decision and thought.

God, you are indeed my salvation;  
I will trust and won't be afraid.



## Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve worship this year was a beautiful and moving service celebrating the birth and love of Jesus in our world and in our hearts. Over 70 people gathered in our sanctuary on that afternoon. Special thanks to Jenya and all the musicians who put in hours of work to share their gifts of music; to the Eggerts for providing the communion elements; to Jay for setting up the Zoom tech; to the readers for reading; to all of us for being the loving community that we are.

Jenya did inform the choir this morning that she has felt some mild symptoms over the past several days and then tested positive for Covid on Tuesday morning (with a rapid antigen test). Thank you, Jenya, for letting us know and extra blessings for health and wellness to you! *[If anyone else has a positive Covid test after being at an EPC gathering, we are happy to share this info with the community by email or in the Update.]*

## 2021 Year-End Reports

In late January or early February of 2022, we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. One of the things we do at the gathering is to present any reports from the previous year. If you are involved in any part of EPC's life and ministry, please consider writing a brief synopsis of 2021 for the Annual Report booklet and email it to Pastor Phil or the church office. Areas that could use a report include: Worship, Music, Backwoods, Building & Grounds, Mission, Finance, Personnel, ArtPlayce. Thank you!

## 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!

## Enneagram Group in 2022

Pastor Phil here. Early in 2022, I would like to start a group that meets on Zoom that will study the Enneagram together. 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). This coming week I will send out a message to interested folk to find the best time and day to meet.

## Year-end Giving

Thank you for your generous giving to the work and ministry of Edgcombe 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!

## **January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Happy Birthday to:  
Meredith Holt 1/14  
Angelie Ryah 1/18

Happy Anniversary to:  
Phil & Luna GebbenGreen 1/31