



## Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

### Midweek Update February 2, 2022

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#### And the greatest of these is Love

Some scripture does not need any explanation or background. Such is the case with 1 Corinthians 13. Here are several of my favorite verses. See if you can hear them as if for the first time.

***Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth.***

***Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Love never fails.***

***Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known.***

***Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.***

Does one of those verses or phrases call out to you for some extra attention or practice today? Is there a situation in your life where you feel that you only see partially? Try this experiment: sometime in the next ten minutes, add a little extra love to whatever you are doing and see what happens. Pay special attention to what happens in your body as you let love flow through you.

Holy Spirit, show us the way to love.

## **Worship THIS Sunday, February 6 – Please Prepare 2 Things:**

Worship this Sunday, February 6, will continue to be on Zoom for everyone and will include COMMUNION, so please prepare your elements beforehand and bring with you. Also, as we continue to share on how the Spirit has moved in and through our various teams over the past year, please reflect on this question:

*In what ways has my faith changed this past year? (This might have come through your connection to EPC, or from another type of experience.....)*

The link to the worship Zoom room is on the church website: [www.epchurch.org](http://www.epchurch.org).

## **Annual Meeting: Part Two**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the first half of our Annual Meeting last Sunday. The second will be held this Sunday, **February 6, 2022** with the focus will be on the various committee reports and celebrating the life of the church. The meeting will be after the regular church service on Zoom. The Annual Report was shared last week via email, if you would like it re-sent please contact Krysta in the church office at [epchurch2149@gmail.com](mailto:epchurch2149@gmail.com).

## **Annual Report Addition: Music Report**

- EPC spent the first several months of 2021 meeting on ZOOM, but our music services were flowing uninterruptedly. The choir members and the other members of the congregation (Ruth and Todd) continued to step up and share their musical talents. Our ZOOM 2020 experience helped us to make the services and the preparation seamless and less stressful:
  - The accompaniment tracks and the rehearsals tracks were made in advance;
  - The singing assignments were given out on a voluntary basis to prevent the stress and anxiety that solo performing can induce;
  - The repertoire challenges were met and we ended up singing more new music.
- With the warmer weather it was decided to move some of the Sunday services outdoors (with all necessary mitigation efforts).
- Before the fall surge we started to gather indoors and it was absolutely wonderful to be able to make live music together again. We were singing hymns and anthems, and also rounds that involved the congregation.
  - We had the most amazing Christmas service with the guest singers and instrumentalists. It was well attended, and the musicians offered a variety of pieces from J.S. Bach to John Rutter.

In 2021 in addition to the hymns performed every Sunday, the choir sang the anthem (a piece from the professional choral repertoire) on 44 Sunday services; and it's worth mentioning that not a single piece was repeated twice. We have also prepared the following programs: Holden Sisters worship-concert (September 12, 2021) Christmas Concert (December 24, 2021) Hymn Singing (twice)

## **February Mission:NAMI**

Our February mission focus and donation will support the Twin Cities chapter of NAMI. NAMI {National Alliance on Mental Illness}, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health

organization dedicated to support for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979. It has grown into an alliance of more than 600 local affiliates and 48 state organizations that work in communities to raise awareness and provide support that was not previously available to those in need. NAMI's mission is to provide advocacy, education, resources, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. The local chapters also provide legal assistance, housing assistance, triage for psychiatric providers, counseling and special services for youth. Offices are located around the state and locally at 1919 University Avenue in St. Paul. Please consider a donation this month to this worthwhile organization, as we celebrate a month of love and valentines.