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<p>Edgeboro's Mission is to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.</p>	

(Worship service details can be found on the last page.)

Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Vigil 5:30pm

Prelude – Special Music

Video of David Fazakas and Gayle Justice

Hymn #274 MBW – *O Come, O Come Immanuel*

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her way to go. *Refrain*

O come, O bright and morning star, and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night, and turn our darkness into light. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

Hymn #283 MBW – *O Come All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Welcome

Hymn #291 MBW – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Grace

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored;
From thine all-bounteous hand our food, may we receive with gratitude. Amen.

Lovefeast

Special Music – *Silent Night*

Video by Nahum Pradhan

Hymn #295 MBW – Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim: 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!'

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the Everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come to the earth from heaven's home;
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!'

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!'

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

Hymn #288 MBW – *Angels We Have Heard On High*
Angels we have heard on high singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

Christmas Meditation

The Candle Service

Hymn #294 MBW – *Joy to the World*
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Hymn #285 MBW – Jesus Call Thou Me

1. Jesus call thou me
from the world to thee;
speed me ever, stay me never;
Jesus call thou me.

2. Not Jerusalem –
lowly Bethlehem
'twas that gave us Christ to save us;
not Jerusalem.

3. Favored Bethlehem!
Honored is that name;
thence came Jesus to release us;
favored Bethlehem!

4. Wondrous Child divine!
Warm this heart of mine;
keep it burning, for thee yearning,
wondrous Child divine!

5. Jesus call thou me
from the world to thee;
speed me ever, stay me never;
Jesus call thou me.

(Video) Hymn #281 MBW – Morning Star, O Cheering Sight!
(Congregation sings the bolded words.)

Video of Michael Giesler, Wyatt Hoff,
Joey Miller, and Charlotte Roy

Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night.
Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night.
Jesus mine, **in me shine**; in me shine, **Jesus mine**;
Fill my heart with light divine!

Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's clear light.
Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's clear light.
Jesus be, **constantly**, constantly, **Jesus be**
more than thousand suns to me.

Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star cheer the nations near and far.
Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star cheer the nations near and far.
Thee we own, **Lord alone**, Lord alone, **Thee we own**,
Our dear Savior, God's dear Son.

Morning Star, my soul's true light, tarry not, dispel my night.
Morning Star, my soul's true light, tarry not, dispel my night.
Jesus mine, **in me shine**; in me shine, **Jesus mine**;
fill my heart with light divine!

Hymn #63 STTL – Candle Glowing

Candle glowing, my heart knowing I should follow him;
Jesus leading, guiding, pleading, let no light be dim.

Candle burning, my heart yearning, for a friend divine
to be near me, bless and cheer me, be forever mine.

Candle gleaming, my face beaming, let me rise and go
while he leads me, where he needs me, in this world below.

Candle flaming, my heart naming Christ the Lord of all;
Jesus, Savior, mine forever; I have heard your call.

Raise candles

Candle glorious – Christ victorious leads his people on
into glory, forward journey, till the goal is won!

Benediction

Postlude

We wish you a blessed Christmas!

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for attending this service of worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ into our world. In the Bible, Jesus is sometimes referred to as “Immanuel” which means God with us. It is our hope that as you sing these songs of praise, listen to the music from the choir, and hear the words of Scripture read and proclaimed you will feel Immanuel come to be with you. We hope that you will sense that God has become present in the totality of your life whether your circumstances are difficult or joyous at this moment.

If you do not presently have a Church home in which to nurture your relationship with Christ and through which to serve the Lord, we would invite you to begin worshipping, learning, and serving with us on a regular basis. Each Sunday morning we have worship at 10:30AM. Worship can be hosted in-person, online, or both depending on the circumstances. If you would like more information about our congregation you may visit our website at www.edgeboromoravian.org.

The Moravian Candle Service

The Moravian Candle service is a tradition that has been enjoyed by people throughout the world for over 200 years. We thank you for joining in this celebration of the birth of Christ. May your worship be filled with the joy and presence of God’s Holy Spirit.

The candles used today are hand-made by Edgeboro members using pure beeswax representing the purity of Christ. The red trimming serves practically to keep the hot wax from reaching your fingers, but symbolically it reminds us of the blood of Christ shed for the forgiveness of our sins. The wax melting away serves as a reminder that just as the candle gives itself so the flame can continue to burn, so did Christ give his life for us so that we might have new life in him. And of course, the flame represents Jesus Christ as the light of the world. In Moravian Churches around the world, candles have been used in this manner since 1747.

Participating in Today’s Service

Pastor	The Rev. Daniel Miller
Organist & Choir Director	Gayle Justice
Tonight’s Choir	Bill Burkhardt, Kelly DiGiacinto, Andrew Miller, and Megan Weikert

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Christmas Eve Worship Details

Date: Thursday, December 24th

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Online

How To Attend

Live Online: The service will be live on Zoom. An access link will be posted on edgeboromoravian.org on the day prior to the service. Though your microphone will be disabled throughout the service, we encourage you to have your camera on if possible so others can see you worshipping, most especially when we light our candles. *(Tip: If you're new to Zoom, it might be helpful to try accessing that link prior to the service to make sure things run smoothly. If you plan to join from a mobile device, make sure you download the Zoom application.)*

Live By Phone: If you would like to join the online service live by phone (no video), please dial (646) 558-8656 and then enter the Meeting ID number (818 667 4912). *(Should long-distance phone costs be a concern, save your bill and contact the church office for reimbursement.)*

Watch the Video Recording: The service will be recorded and posted on Edgeboro Moravian Church's YouTube channel later in the evening after the conclusion of the service. *(The timing of this is dependent on when Zoom makes the recording available to us.)*

Listen to the Audio Recording: An audio recording of the service will be available at any time after the conclusion of the service by calling (610) 285-8235. *(The timing of this is dependent on when Zoom makes the recording available to us.)*