

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Graduating Senior Sunday
May 15, 2022**



Twas the morning of May 15th,
when all through the church. The
seniors grow wise, all the seniors
are graduating.

Cedric Castro



****Please text any prayer requests to
205-794-3887 before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name, unless you wish the
request to be anonymous.****

Prayer of Preparation

*Holy God, fill us with excitement and
anticipation for new beginnings. Amen.*

Original art by graduating senior Cedric Castro

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

Prelude Chorale and Chorale Prelude on *From Heaven High to Earth I Come*
J. S. Bach / J. B. Walther

Welcome Rev. Joe Genau

*** Call to Worship** Olivia Martin, liturgist

The Word became flesh to live among us;
Now we have seen the glory of God.

How beautiful is the messenger of peace;
who proclaims the good news of salvation.

God has poured out the Spirit upon us
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

(Additional stanzas)

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as hope shining in a murky world.

We confess that we have not welcomed the hope,
or trusted good news to be good.

We have close our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

We now share with you in silence the burdens of our hearts...

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Will Murray

Psalter

Clara Cagle

Psalms 98

- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song,
 for God has done marvelous things.
 God's own right hand and holy arm have won the victory!
- 2 **The LORD has made known the victory of salvation
 and has revealed God's righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- 3 God has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness
 to the house of Israel.
 All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 4 **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
 with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the LORD,
for God is coming to judge the earth.

**God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Good News of Great Joy"

Rev. Joe Genau

***Hymn 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Will Murray, guitar

Emily Bailio & Tim Murray, ukulele

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at the birth,
Jesus, Lord at the birth.

4 Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Blessing the Graduates

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Lord's Prayer**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion	<i>God's Son Is Come</i>	J. G. Walther
	Prelude on <i>Silent Night</i>	Gerald Near

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

¹ Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature

sing.

² Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains

repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

³ No more let sins and sorrows 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.

⁴ 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.

Charge from the Steps

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

This Day Which Is So Full of Joy

J. C. F. Fischer