



CHURCH STAFF

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Please join us in worship on Sunday mornings:
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Edgewater United Methodist Church
211 N. Ridgewood Avenue, Edgewater, FL 32132

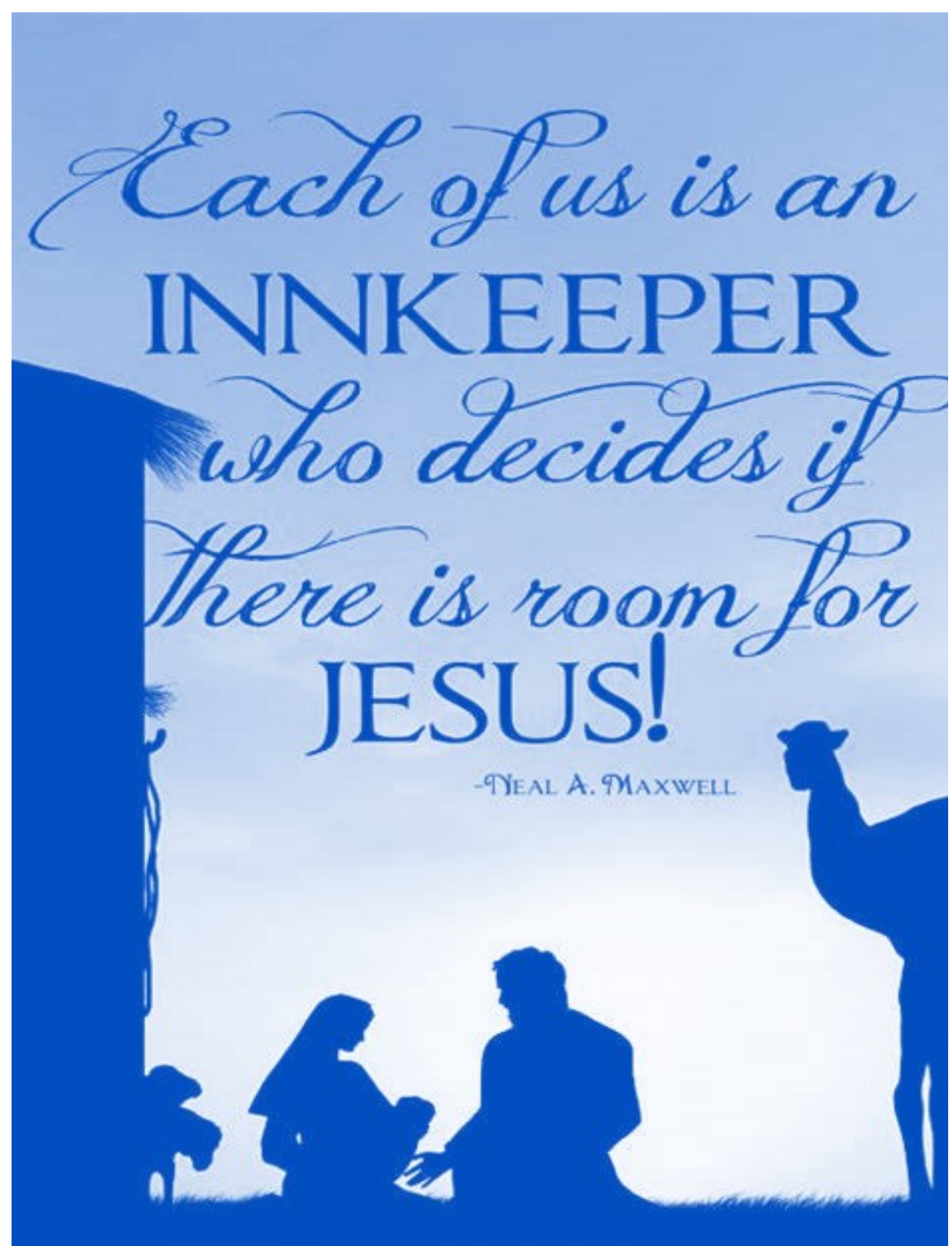


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9:00 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday



WELCOME
to Edgewater United Methodist Church
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24, 2021 ~11:00 PM

(† Please stand if you are able)

WELCOME Pastor Donna

PRELUDE *Mary Cradles Her Baby* Patty Moody

† CALL TO WORSHIP Susie Lawson

We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.
Soon the Light will shine in the darkness, soon the baby will be born.

Soon God will once again break into our lives,
**Coming in a way that is expected yet unusual, challenging our expectations
and calling us to see life differently.**

God of birth, God of light, in this time of song and prayer and silence,
Reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.

As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor,
Remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways.

And when we leave this place,
**May we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said YES
and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.**

We pray in the name of the child who even now is starting to push from the womb,
Jesus, Messiah, Christ, the one who came to save God's children.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, In the beginning , you spoke all that is into existence and breathed life into the world. You made light in the midst of darkness, and all that you made was good. What a labor of love. You sent John the Baptist to be a witness to the light you would send into the world. What a labor of love. The Light of the World, through whom all things were created, came into the world. What a labor of love. "And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" What a labor of love. We gather to worship the Son, the baby, God's labor of love. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

LIGHTING of CHRIST CANDLE Buck & Susie Lawson

† OPENING HYMN: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 196

OFFERTORY *Child So Lovely* Patty Moody

† DOXOLOGY

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:2-7* Pastor Donna

SOLO *O Holy Night* Patty Moody

HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 240

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE *Luke 2:1-20 Welcome Home* Pastor Donna

HOLY COMMUNION

† WORSHIP IN MUSIC *Silent Night, Holy Night* 239

BENEDICTION