



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
 The Community Church



Lent 
 A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Sunday Morning Worship at Eleven O'clock
Third Sunday in Lent; Disability Awareness – March 12, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
 Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

** We invite you to rise in body or in spirit where there are asterisks **

*We invite you to read all **bold** words aloud with the community*

We start services with a "Call to Worship" to establish the context for worship as an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, as we gather for worship today, we are tired, weary, and seeking solace. Refresh us with your Holy Spirit, the living water, so we may hear your word and pledge ourselves to serve you. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN #386**

"Come, Worship God"

- 1 Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
 enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
 You are the rock of your people's salvation
 to whom our jubilant praises belong.
- 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 God above all gods, who gave us our birth.
- 3 We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
 you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
 Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
 great is the one whom we worship this day!
- 4 Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
 open our hearts to receive what you say.
 Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
 trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

RESPONSE

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

from the Iona Community

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. sin of the world, grant us your peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember the words of the psalmist to the people of God:
Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered by the grace of God.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord our God, you created us and called us good.
You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided
everything we might need.
Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our
We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are
made in your image.**

**Forgive us, O Lord our God.
Deliver us from sin and death, strengthen us by your faithfulness,
and cover us with your righteousness,
that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

We turn from communal praise to corporate confession, not for shame nor in guilt, but to wrestle honestly with the impact we have on each other. We do so with the knowledge of God's grace for all people.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, believe the good news: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another:
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*RESPONSE #402

"How Lovely, Lord"

verse 1 only

How lovely, Lord, how lovely
is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting,
to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter,
a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us
within its walls to rest.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord.

Shape us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit,
that these dry bones may rise and live to praise your name;
through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

CEV

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

We read Scripture when we gather because we dare to believe that God continues to speak to us through it. Reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

PSALM 95 (responsive)

CEV

Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

Let's come before him with thanks!

Let's shout songs of joy to him!

The Lord is a great God,

the great king over all other gods.

The earth's depths are in his hands;

the mountain heights belong to him;

the sea, which he made, is his

along with the dry ground,

which his own hands formed.

Come, let's worship and bow down!

Let's kneel before the Lord, our maker!

Coming to us from the worship of ancient Judaism, the psalms have been at the heart of Christian prayer and praise across the centuries. Throughout its history, the Reformed tradition has given a special place to singing the psalms in worship. The Psalm is not intended as a reading but a response to the first reading.

He is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
the sheep in his hands.
If only you would listen to his voice right now!

**“Don’t harden your hearts
like you did at Meribah,
like you did when you were at Massah,
in the wilderness,**

when your ancestors tested me
and scrutinized me,
even though they had already seen my acts.

**For forty years I despised that generation;
I said, ‘These people have twisted hearts.
They don’t know my ways.’**

So in anger I swore:

‘They will never enter my place of rest!’”

God our maker, you guide us as the sheep of your fold. When we stray into rebellion and unbelief, bring us back and restore us, that we may follow your ways and listen to the voice of our shepherd who gives us eternal life. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”

arr. Jack Schrader

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

CEV

He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.)

Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking him and he would give you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!”

Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband, and come back here.”

The woman replied, “I don’t have a husband.”

"You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."

Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought him food?"

Jesus said to them, "I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. Don't you have a saying, 'Four more months and then it's time for harvest'? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. I have sent you to harvest what you didn't work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work."

Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world."

MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

*HYMN #161

"Woman in the Night"

1 Woman in the night, spent from giving birth,
guard our precious light; peace is on the earth.
Woman in the crowd, creeping up behind,
touching is allowed: seek and you will find!

Refrain:

Come and join the song, women, children, men.
Jesus makes us free to live again!

2 Woman at the well, question the Messiah;
find your friends and tell: drink your heart's desire!
Woman at the feast, let the righteous stare;
come and go in peace; love him with your hair! (Refrain)

3 Woman in the house, nurtured to be meek,
leave your second place, listen, think, and speak!
Woman on the road, from your sickness freed,
witness and provide, joining word and deed: (Refrain)

4 Women on the hill, stand when men have fled;
Christ needs loving still, though your hope is dead.
Women in the dawn, care and spices bring,
earliest to mourn, earliest to sing! (Refrain)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"Lenten Creed" from Patmos Abbey, the Celtic Order of St. Columba

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

A LITANY FOR THE BODY

from A Liturgy for All Bodies

Embodied God, bless the body.

Bless the trembling bodies and the traumatized bodies.

Bless all the bodies still ringing with the bell of grief.

Bless these bodies changed and changing, familiar and strange, ours.

Embodied God, bless the body.

Bless the tender bodies, the transitioning bodies, the intersex bodies, the non-binary bodies. Bless the bodies longing for touch. Bless the bodies lonely and alone.

Bless the bodies that live between worlds.

Bless these bodies changed and changing, familiar and strange, ours.

Embodied God, bless the body.

Bless the queer bodies that transgress imagination and transmute new futures into being just by breathing. Bless the trans femme bodies and the blistered-heel-but-head-held-high bodies, bless the sex worker bodies and the night shift nurse bodies and the drug using bodies and the sober bodies. Bless the disabled bodies, the aging bodies, the menstruating bodies, the chronically pained bodies.

Bless these bodies changed and changing, familiar and strange, ours.

Embodied God, bless the body.

Bless the birthing bodies, the worn-out parenting collapsed-in-bed bodies, the bodies that have miscarried, the bodies misinterpreted and maligned. Bless the dissociated and dysphoric bodies, the diasporic and displaced bodies.

Bless these bodies changed and changing, familiar and strange, ours.

Transforming God, you meet us in and through our bodies:

Fat and gorgeous, sore and fraught, scarred, asymmetrical, complicated.

Teach us gentleness for these bodies, and for the bodies of others.

Take us to the limit of our longing, and turn us towards our limits with compassion: as a recipe for love and sustenance, an invitation to deeper intimacy.

Tune us to the wisdom of our bodies, which you made and witnessed as good as we meet you in the bodies of others—with care, comfort, and generous attention.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...and now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray, in the languages closest to our hearts, the prayer Jesus taught, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #699

"Fill My Cup"

Refrain:

Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow;
fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love.

1 Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;
let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can. (Refrain)

2 It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;
give me the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night. (Refrain)

BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

*Please be seated as we partake in a time of contemplation.
When the music ends, we invite you to join us in the Gathering Place for coffee hour!*

SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Morning Service;
we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.
In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.*

Participants in this worship service:

Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor | **Deacon Susan Pollick**, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Sanctuary Choir**
John Foster, videographer

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Welcome

Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY: first, welcome! Please fill out a blue visitor's card found in the pew rack. If you are interested in being on our email or newsletter mailing lists, provide that information so we can keep in touch. Please place this card in the offering plate either during or after the service.

MR. ROGERS DAY is March 20, but we will be celebrating next Sunday, March 19. We encourage you to wear a cardigan or sweater to worship as we remember this Pittsburgh Saint.

ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: What does it mean to be Presbyterian? Who is Jesus? What is the Church? How do we live together? Join us in the Lounge after our worship service to discuss these questions together. Everyone is welcome, but if you are considering taking the next steps in your faith journey, you are especially invited. See Pastor Jason if you have any questions!

BOOK CLUB continues to meet each Tuesday at 10:00AM at the Apossos home, three blocks from the church, 361 Maple Avenue. They are reading *Man Seeks God* by Eric Weiner. Drop by for conversation and coffee. The next book will be starting soon!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY is led by Elder Tim Hoffman discussing what the Bible says about itself, Jesus, devil, angels, heaven, prophecy, and more! Zoom link is available on the website and in the weekly email updates. No password is needed, just the link. Tim will let you in from the waiting room as you join. Come and join the discussion on Wednesday nights at 7:30PM online! Questions? Shoot an email to Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com.

PER CAPITA REMINDER - Our 2023 per capita donation is \$35.70. This is the amount of support, per member, that our Congregation remits to the Presbytery. This allows us to support the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Thank you!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR. Jason is at Biddle's Escape every Wednesday, 8 AM – 12 PM. Drop by to catch up, share ideas, ask questions, or talk about the latest movie!

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY has several opportunities to volunteer for various projects in the area, including their weekly mobile pantry distribution. Visit <https://app.involvemint.io/projects> to find out more information or scan the QR code to the right.



**LOVE GOD
EACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room, CE=CE Office,
GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study, S=Sanctuary,
Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Today, Sunday, March 12

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)
12:00PM Membership Class (L)
12:30PM Galina Istomin Recital (S)

Monday, March 13

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, March 14

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony (S)
7:00PM Session Meeting (L)

Wednesday, March 15

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, March 16

3:45PM Flute Lesson (S)
7:00PM SAA (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, March 17

4:15PM Flute Lesson (CE)
8:30PM AA (SR)

Saturday, March 18

8:30PM AA (SR)

Next Sunday, March 19

9:30AM Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Emerging Worship (S), Youth Sunday School (GP)
12:00PM Fellowship (GP)
12:00PM Worship Committee Meeting (PS)

How can you become involved?

As we reimagine the ministries at FPCE, consider if you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God & faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving senior citizens
- Working in publicity/advertising

...please contact a member of our FPCE Family listed below for more details on how to become involved!

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*Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ,
our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF WALTER SPOSKOSKI, JR AND AMANDA RINEER
SPECIAL GUEST DR. YUGO IKACH OF THE WASHINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



EASTER FLOWERS

We seek your help in making our sanctuary a place of graceful beauty and meaning on Easter morning. Through your donation, we can accomplish this:

I wish to contribute an Easter plant. Lily ____ Tulip ____ Hyacinth ____

The wording for the bulletin is:

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__ In memory of _____

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 I would like it to be planted in the Prayer Garden

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