



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Baptism of the Lord Sunday – January 15, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

God says: "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand."

**God gives us as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations.**

God says: "I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other."

**The former things have come to pass;
now God declares a new thing.**

Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (responsive)

Holy One, in the waters of the Jordan you claimed Jesus as your beloved Son.
Send your Holy Spirit to anoint us, that we may be filled with your grace
and live as your beloved children. We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***HYMN #482**

"Baptized in Water"

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

** 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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

People of God, in the covenant of baptism
we are claimed in Christ Jesus and called to be saints.

Therefore, with faith and confidence
let us confess our sin and ask for God's grace,
calling on the name of our Savior and Lord.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy One, in your presence we confess our captivity to sin
and our resistance to your way.**

**You have chosen what is foolish to shame the wisdom of this world,
but we boast in our knowledge and ignore the insights of others.**

**You have chosen what is weak to shame the powers of this world,
but we boast in our strength and refuse the gifts of others.**

**You have chosen what is despised to shame the values of this world,
but we boast in our merits and reject the worth of others.**

Forgive us, Holy One.

Renew and reshape our lives with the message of the cross.

**Teach us to boast in nothing but the crucified and risen one:
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & *SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ is the wisdom of God. Christ is the power of God. Christ is the glory of God.
In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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

*RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God"

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. (*sing 3 times*)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send your Spirit, O God, to search us and teach us.
Help us to understand the wisdom of your way.
Give us the mind of Christ—by whose gracious word we live
And in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

CEB

But here is my servant, the one I uphold;
my chosen, who brings me delight.
I've put my spirit upon him;
he will bring justice to the nations.
He won't cry out or shout aloud
or make his voice heard in public.
He won't break a bruised reed;
he won't extinguish a faint wick,
but he will surely bring justice.
He won't be extinguished or broken
until he has established justice in the land.
The coastlands await his teaching.
God the Lord says—
the one who created the heavens,
the one who stretched them out,
the one who spread out the earth and its offspring,
the one who gave breath to its people
and life to those who walk on it—
I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason.
I will grasp your hand and guard you,
and give you as a covenant to the people,
as a light to the nations,
to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison,
and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.
I am the Lord;
that is my name;
I don't hand out my glory to others
or my praise to idols.
The things announced in the past—look—they've already happened,
but I'm declaring new things.
Before they even appear,
I tell you about them.

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

PSALM 29 (responsive)

O Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.**

The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;

**the voice of the Lord full of power;
the voice of the Lord full of splendor.**

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.

Lectio Divina

As we read these passages, allow your mind to focus on one sentence or word—you don't need to comprehend it all! How might the Spirit be speaking to you today through these ancient words?

RGP

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.

The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, "Glory!"
**The Lord sat enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits as king forever.**
Amen.

ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"

Sheldon Curry

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

NRSVUE

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

***HYMN #479**

"Come Now to the Water"

Refrain:

Ho, all who thirst,
come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched
and weary, come and drink!

Ho, all who thirst,
come now to the water,
and from your heart will flow
a never-failing spring!

1 Why forsake the Lord,
the fount of living water,
choosing broken cups
that cannot be filled? (refrain)

2 For the Lamb will be
our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellsprings of
the water of life. (refrain)

3 All who come may take
this gift of living water.
They will thirst no more,
for they shall be filled. (refrain)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

from the Belhar Confession, 1986

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

We believe...

that God has revealed God's self

as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,

is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow God in this;

for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that, for God, pure and undefiled religion

is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
that God wishes to teach the church
to do what is good and to seek the right;
that the church must therefore
stand by people in any form of suffering and need,
which implies, among other things,
that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
that the church as the possession of God
must stand where the Lord stands,
namely against injustice and with the wronged;
that in following Christ
the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology
which would legitimate forms of injustice
and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology
in the name of the gospel.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head,
the church is called to confess and to do all these things,
even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them
and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsive)

O Lord our God, give strength to your people, and bless us with your peace.

Hear our prayer.

For those who have no peace,

deliver them from danger.

For those who are oppressed,

release them from their captivity.

For those who are treated unfairly,

lift them up in your love.

For those who hunger and thirst,

provide abundantly for them.

For those who need healing,

surround them with your care.

For those who are despairing,

send the message of good news.

Let us pray for our community...

For all those we love,

hear our prayer.

O Lord our God, give strength to your people, and bless us with your peace;
in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. **Amen.**

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

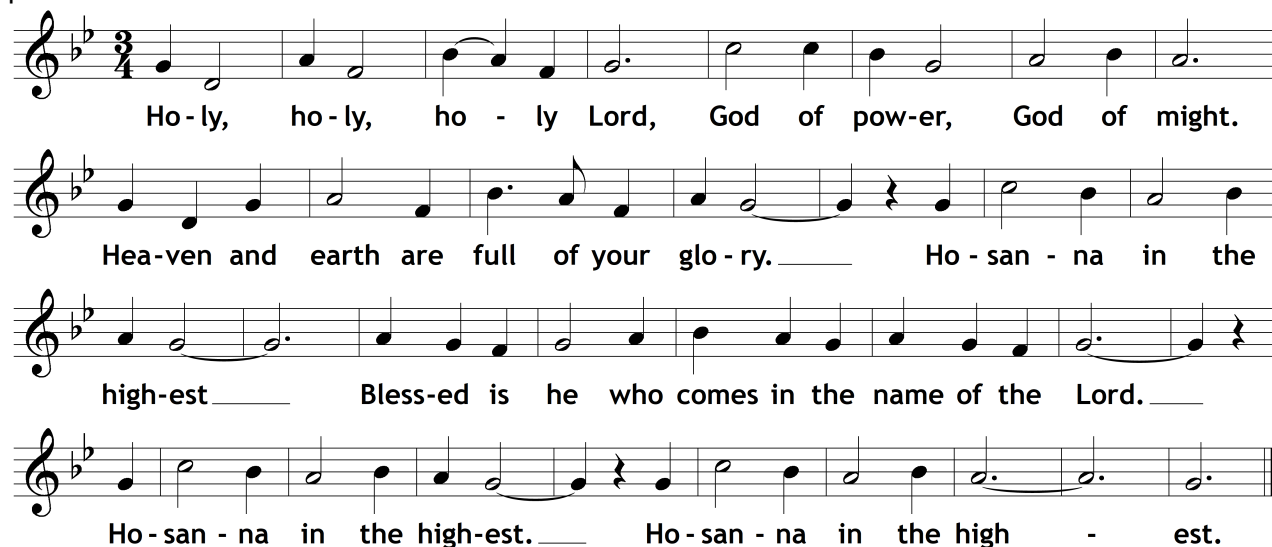
GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. From generation to generation, you have cared for your people. You bless the poor in spirit with the kingdom of heaven. You bless those who mourn with your comfort and peace. You bless the meek and lowly with the inheritance of the earth. Therefore, with joy and gladness we join with all the saints in singing thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God, redeemer of the world. Into this life of sin and sorrow you sent Jesus Christ to save us. He blesses those who hunger and thirst with justice and righteousness. He blesses those who are merciful with abundance mercy. He blesses the pure in heart with the revelation of your glory.

Therefore, with joy and gladness we offer ourselves to you as we share this sacred meal.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Blessed are you, O God, sustainer and source of life. On your people and in this meal, you pour out your Holy Spirit. Now bless the peacemakers with the name "children of God." Now bless those who are persecuted with the reward of the righteous. Now bless all who suffer evil with the welcome of your eternal realm. Then with joy and gladness we will glorify you together, one God, forever and ever.

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at Christ's table.

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age, understanding, or baptismal status. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

Gluten-Free wafers are available by asking.

Please come down the center aisle to receive the elements and partake, then deposit your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, at this table
you have blessed us with your presence.
Now send us forth in your Spirit
to be a blessing in the world;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The many-faceted meaning of this sacrament is seen in the names given to it. The title Lord's Supper recalls Jesus' institution of the sacrament with his disciples. Eucharist (thanksgiving) reminds us that we receive all of the benefits of God's grace with joy. Holy Communion reminds us that in this sacrament we are made one with Christ and with each other. The Breaking of the Bread describes the sacramental action by which Christ is known to his disciples.

RESPONSE



SENDING INTO THE WORLD

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

from *Enfleshed*

In a time where there is too much water and not enough water.

*Tears sting our eyes and our cheeks flare hot with grief
when we witness how greed sets the ocean aflame.*

Billows of smoke are our anger.

Crops toasting dry, our heartbreak.

Rush of rising water wiping away homes, our weeping.

In our grief, here we are:

Blood in our veins, riverbeds of our bodies.

Air in our lungs, trees inhaling.

We tip cups of tea to our lips.

We hear the sound of rain and can finally fall asleep.

*Some lucky days we might float in water with our faces to the sky,
or take a hot shower smelling of soap.*

Can you see our sibling, the Earth-being, Jesus,
waist-deep in the river saying, yes John, yes. This is why I came:
to be immersed in what I am already made of —
grief, anger, heartbreakingly beautiful joy.

The gift is being blessed by another with what's on hand.

The gift is the sheer ability to receive the blessing in the first place.

So today, at the water's edge,
today with cupped hands,
today with a light touch to your forehead,
dipping your fingers into a bowl,
watching the ripples spread out: remember.

Remember that the water brimming your cells to life
is the same water that has been on this planet since conception.
Cycling into ancient newness: tomato on a vine,
body of a beetle, lapping of a lake, life pulsing in our hearts.
Beloved Interdependence.

Remember your baptism.
You are being made new over and over again.
Remember, even in your grief, you are held
in the Still Living Waters of Creation,
determined, with hearts on fire, to bless Them back.

Amen.

*As we sing the next hymn, you are invited to come forward to
reach into the water and take a stone from the fount as a reminder
of your own baptismal covenant.*

*If you have a financial gift, you are invited to place it in the
offering plate on the table during as you come forward to
remember your baptism.*

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offerings by electronic transfer
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***HYMN**

"Wade in the Water"

Refrain:	looks like the band that Moses led. God's gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.	3 Look over yonder, what do I see? God's gonna trouble the water. the Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)
1 See that host all dressed in white, God's gonna trouble the water. the leader looks like the Israelite, God's gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)	4 If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's gonna trouble the water. just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water.	

INVITATIONS TO BE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

*BLESSING & CHARGE

Now the Son of God is rising, the Spirit of God is descending,
and the voice of God is speaking:

"You are my beloved people; with you I am well pleased."

Alleluia!

Go forth as a beloved child of God, sharing Christ's message of peace.

Thanks be to God.

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 | **Elder Tyler McGuigan**, 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. We hope you consider joining us more often!

FPCE IS BUILDING Blessing Bags today following the church service. These bags will be available for anyone to take and pass out to those in need.

OUR TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP continues to meet each Tuesday at 10:00AM at the Apessos home, three blocks from the church, 361 Maple Avenue. They are reading "Man Seeks God" by Eric Weiner. Drop by for conversation and coffee!

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood will take place immediately following worship next Sunday, January 22, 2023 for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and the final 2023 budget approved by Session. All active members are encouraged to attend and participate in the life of the church.

OUR FREE "LITTLE PANTRY" is available at both entrances to the sanctuary and is available for any who are in need. Take what you or someone you know may need, or feel free to donate to the shelves when you are out shopping. This is our way of making the Deacons' pantry more easily accessible to all in need.

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.



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, January 15

12:15PM Fellowship & Blessing Bag Assembly (GP)

Monday, January 16

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, January 17

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Edgewood Symphony (S)

Wednesday, January 18

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, January 19

5:00PM Flute Lesson (CE)

7:00PM SAA (L)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, January 20

4:15PM Flute Lesson (CE)

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, January 21

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, January 22

9:30AM Worship Ensemble (S)

11:00AM Emerging Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00PM Congregational Meeting (S)

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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