



First Presbyterian Church of  
**EDGEWOOD**  
The Community Church



**LOVE GOD**  
EACH OTHER  
**OUR NEIGHBORS**



## Morning Worship for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – January 29, 2023

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*\* 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*

#### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Those who walk blamelessly,  
and do what is right,

**and speak the truth from their heart.**

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

*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

Holy God, you call unexpected disciples—

**those who are poor and meek,**

**those who are hungry and thirsty,**

**those who are reviled and persecuted—**

to be a blessing for the world.

Number us among those saints,

that we may serve your purpose and share the blessing;

through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting & watching,  
watching for you and for me.

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy & pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

People of God, in the covenant of baptism  
we are claimed in Christ 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 the Christ, our Lord.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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.**

## \*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 #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.**

*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.*

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**PSALM 15** (responsive)

Lord, who may abide in your tent,  
and dwell on your holy mountain?

**Whoever walks without fault;  
who does what is just,  
and speaks the truth from his heart.**

Whoever does not slander with his tongue,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
who casts no slur on a friend,  
**who looks with scorn on the wicked,  
but honors those who fear the Lord.**

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.*

Who keeps an oath, whatever the cost,  
who lends no money at interest,  
**and accepts no bribes against the innocent.**  
**Such a one shall never be shaken.**  
**Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

"What Does the Lord Require?"

Andrew Bruhn

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:1-12

**First Nations Version**

When [Jesus] saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he *took a deep breath*, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them *and teach them how to see Creator's good road*.

"Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

"Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!'

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.

"Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors. people.

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Jason Dauer

**\*HYMN**

"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*(sung to the tune of "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing")*

1 Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.

Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.

Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.

God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

2 Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.  
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.  
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.  
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

3 Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.  
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.  
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,  
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments.  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Leader:** God of grace

**People:** hear our prayer.

## RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

What does the Lord require of us?  
Burnt offerings or rivers of oil?  
The fruit of our bodies for the sins of our souls?

**No, God has shown us what is good.  
With justice, kindness, and humility,  
let us offer our lives to the Lord.**

*Those wishing to make offerings by electronic transfer may use this QR code or go to [fpcedgewood.org/donate](http://fpcedgewood.org/donate)*



### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*As we sing the next hymn, you are invited to come forward to remember your baptism—remember your belovedness—that you yourself are a gift.  
If you have a financial gift, you may place it in the offering plate at the front during this time.*

#### \*HYMN #710

*"We are an Offering"*

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you,  
we give to you.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;  
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:  
we are an offering.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

What can we offer to you, O Lord, as our sacrifice of thanks and praise? You have shown us what is good and the offering you require of us. Help us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

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.**

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN #700

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me...

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me...

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me...

### INVITATIONS TO BE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

*The Sharing of Church Life*

## 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.*

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### **Participants in this worship service:**

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

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# Welcome

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.

DEACON TRAINING will take place on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM. Pastries and coffee will be available at 9 AM. This training is REQUIRED for all active deacons currently serving on the board of Deacons, but all deacons are invited to attend. Please come having read the Introduction, Ch. 1, 2, 3, and 6 of *The Presbyterian Deacon: An Essential Guide* (2014). You can pick up a copy of this book in the church office.

ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: What does it mean to be Presbyterian? Who is Jesus? What is the Church? How do we live together? Starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, join us 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!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR will start soon, but before Jason sets up regular hours, he would love to take the time to meet with people more directly. Look at your calendar and think of a time you'd like to get together. We can talk about whatever you'd like! This is just a chance to catch up, share ideas about the church, to ask questions about the Bible, or to talk about the latest movie you saw! Call, text, email, or use his Calendly to set up a time: [www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer](http://www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer)

## 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, January 29

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

### Monday, January 30

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

### Tuesday, January 31

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Edgewood Symphony (S)

### Wednesday, February 1

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

### Thursday, February 2

3:45PM Flute Lesson (CE)

7:00PM SAA (L)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

### Friday, February 3

4:15PM Flute Lesson (CE)

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Saturday, February 4

9:30AM Deacon Training (L)

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Next Sunday, February 5

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)

11:00AM Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

3:00PM Zen Shakuhacki Concert and Meditation (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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