



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Ordination and Installation of Church Officers
Epiphany Sunday – January 8, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Come, see and be radiant.

Come, thrill and rejoice.

The grace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the sunrise and the evening star,
you have revealed to us your love in Jesus Christ:

**a love so long expected
yet so surprising in its unfolding.
Gather us from near and far.**

Awaken us to your unexpected revelation,
the justice of your slow-dawning kin-dom,
the mystery of your boundless invitation.

**Shine through us,
that all people would be drawn to your light in us;**
through Jesus Christ,
in whom we have access to you in boldness
and confidence through faith to pray. **Amen.**

** 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.*

***HYMN #151**

“We Three Kings”

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Once we knew only the shadows;
now we know the glory of God.
Once we lived in deep despair;
now the love of God shines upon us.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

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)

**O Lord our God, we confess that we still stumble in the shadows.
We are captive to our desires and limit those who long for freedom.
We indulge in our weaknesses and use our strength to hurt others.**

Forgive us, O Lord our God.

Break the yoke of oppression, and destroy the weapons of war.

Set us free to serve you, and fill us with your peace.

**Establish your holy realm of justice and righteousness, now and forevermore;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus 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

God of beauty, goodness, and truth,
guide the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who proclaims salvation.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may break forth in singing,
until all the ends of the earth echo the wonder of your work;
through Christ our Lord. **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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

NRSVUE

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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?

PSALM 72 (responsive)

RGP

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
**that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgment.**
In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
**He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.**
The kings of Tarshish and the islands
shall pay him tribute.

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 kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.**

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

**For he shall save the needy when they cry,
the poor, and those who are helpless.**

He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

Amen.

ANTHEM

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Hymn #827

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

NRSVUE

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

*'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

***HYMN #150**

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

verses 1 and 3 only

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND RULING ELDERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are a variety of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ.

PRESENTATION OF DEACONS AND RULING ELDERS

Deacons

Diane Kemmerer

Abigail Lehrian*

Angel Lehrian*

Stephanie McGuigan*

Glenn Allen Monk

Sue Pollick*

Ruling Elders

Rhonda Apeossos

Tyler McGuigan

Amy Moore*

Bobbie Thompson*

**Being both ordained and installed*

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

ORDINATION

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For ruling elders: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

INSTALLATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

As the magi brought gifts to pay homage to the one born King,
so let us bring our gifts to proclaim the praise of our God.

Let us share the gifts we have with thanksgiving and delight.

RESPONSE #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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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.**

We praise you, O Lord, for the gift of your Word. From the very beginning, your Word has been with you—bringing all things into being, giving life to all people. Your Word came into the world that all might believe. Those who receive your Word you claim as beloved children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the people of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

We give you thanks, O Lord, that in the fullness of time, your Word became flesh and came to live among us. Now we have seen the glory of your only begotten one. Now we know the fullness of your grace and truth.

Taking your Word upon our lips, we promise ourselves to you. From this fullness, let us all receive grace upon grace upon grace.

We glorify you, O Lord, for the power of your Holy Spirit—the light that cannot be extinguished, the fire that will never go out. Send down your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup, that our hearts may burn within us as we share this meal in Jesus' name. Send us forth from this place to bring good news to the world, proclaiming your Word to all.

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, you have gathered us here
in the great company of your people
to sing hymns of praise,
hear the message of redemption,
and share the feast of grace.
Now send us out with songs of joy,
that all the world may know the good news of salvation;
through 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.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #147**

"The First Noel"

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
(Refrain)

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth
of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
(Refrain)

INVITATIONS TO BE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

Reflect on the warm brilliance of God's love, even as you seek the dawn in unexpected places.

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 Flo Raisig**, liturgist

Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Sanctuary Choir**

John Foster, videographer

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or audio only on our SoundCloud channel at www.soundcloud.com/fpcedgewood



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!

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 just starting their new book, "Man Seeks God" by Eric Weiner. Drop by for conversation and coffee!

COMMITTEE REPORTS are due for the Annual Report on January 9. Copies of last year's reports were mailed, both by regular and email. Call the office if you didn't receive yours.

COMMUNION will be celebrated again next week, January 15, 2023, during our Baptism of the Lord Sunday worship service.

FPCE IS GOING TO BE BUILDING Blessing Bags on January 15th following the church service. These bags will be available for anyone to take and pass out to those in need. If you would like to make a financial donation please do so by January 8th or consider dropping off requested items (see list below) before January 15th. If you have any questions please email Tyler: mcguigantylor@yahoo.com.

Items needed:

applesauce, granola bars, crackers, tuna packets, bottled water, socks, plastic forks/spoons, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, comb, wet wipes, chapstick, small packs of tissues, hand sanitizer

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

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, January 12

5:00PM Flute Lesson (CE)
7:00PM SAA (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

1:30PM Peace Vigil (S)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, January 15

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)
12:00PM Fellowship (GP)
12:15PM Assembly of the Blessing Bags

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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First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



*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.*



Blessing Bags

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toothpaste

toothbrush

mouthwash

comb

wet wipes

chapstick

small packs of tissues

handsanitizer

applesauce

granola bars

crackers

tuna packets

bottled water

socks

plastic forks/spoons

