



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 20, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD’S WORD

Psalm 1.1-6

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

From Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord while I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit departs, he returns to the earth;

In that very day his thoughts perish.

How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

Whose hope is in the Lord his God,

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

HYMN #673

“Jesus, Light of Glory”

1 Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven’s everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we adore you, light divine.

brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, alleluia,
God of glory, Three-in-One.

2 Now the shadows fall around us;
now the evening has begun:
still your gracious light is with us,

3 With the saints we lift our voices,
God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory,
singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia,
holy, holy, holy light.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness'

According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

God, who can discern his errors?

Acquit me of hidden faults.

**Keep Your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me,
then I will be blameless, and I will be acquitted of great transgression.**

Humbly I come before Your Presence.

For Your Name's sake, forgive. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body
and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

(Heb. 2:14, 16; Heb. 10:5; Matt. 26:38; Luke 1:27, 31, 35, 42; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 7:26.)

ANTHEM #314

"Christ, Be Our Light"

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

John 1.6-13

⁶A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. ⁹This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Light in the Darkness”

Rev. Tony Rivera

HYMN #377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness,
shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #853

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

1 We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)
We are marching, oh! We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

2 We are singing in the light of God...

3 We are praying in the light of God...

4 We are dancing in the light of God...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in today's worship service:

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
John Foster, videographer | Judy Mysels, greeter

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES: REVISED JUNE 8, 2021

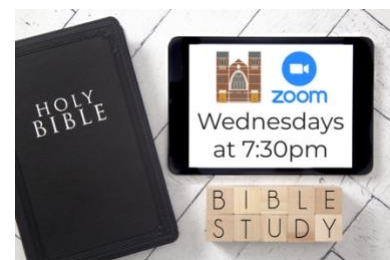
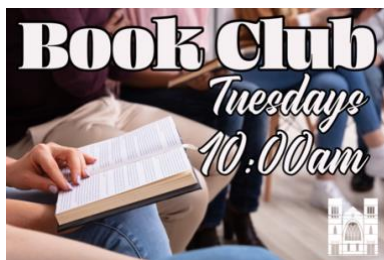
- those who are not vaccinated must wear a mask properly; vaccinated individuals may choose not to wear a mask
- refrain from singing (decisions about singing will be determined by the worship committee soon)
- please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- temperature checks and signing in upon arrival will no longer be required

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have.
Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube
for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

Weekly Group Meetings

We will continue our weekly gatherings on Zoom or in person for prayer, discussion, and study.

On Mondays at 7:30pm, we gather for intentional prayer focusing on our members, community, and world. Tuesday mornings at 10:00am is the weekly Book Club meeting, which has moved back to in-person meetings at Rhonda Apeossos' home on Maple Avenue. And Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm is a Bible study led by Pastor Tony.



An e-mail invitation is sent out weekly with Zoom links, meeting ID and passcode. To be added to the email list, contact the office. And if you don't use Zoom on your device, you can call in to the meetings to participate by voice. Call Judy in the office to receive the number, meeting ID and passcode to participate if you don't receive the email.



*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.*