



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



*Lent*   
 A SEASON OF RENEWAL



**Sunday Morning Emerging Worship at Eleven O'clock**  
**Mr. Rogers Day & Neighboring Sunday**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

Someday, the house of God  
 will stand on the highest mountain.

**People will come from every place  
 to learn how to walk in God's path.**

God will show us what is fair  
 and put an end to our fighting.

**People will turn their old weapons  
 into new tools for growing food.**

Come, people of God:

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Thank you, God, for gathering us here in your holy house—  
 to sing and pray, to speak and listen, to wonder and grow.

Teach us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit  
 that we may go out sharing your great love  
 with all our neighbors; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*SONG**

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,  
 A beautiful day for a neighbor,  
 Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood,  
 A neighborly day for a beauty,  
 Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

*\* 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.*

I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you,  
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.

So let's make the most of this beautiful day,  
Since we're together, we might as well say,  
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?  
Won't you be my neighbor?

Won't you please, Won't you please,  
Please won't you be my neighbor?

## LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

### RESPONSE

"Agnus Dei"

from the Iona Community

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us. sin of the world, grant us your peace.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Because we share Jesus' baptism, we know that nothing—  
not even sin and death—can separate us from God's love.

Trusting in God's love, let us confess our sin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, you have called us to love you  
with heart, mind, soul, and strength,  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
But, if we are honest, we know  
that sometimes we hurt each other  
and fail to keep our promises to you.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Teach us, day by day,  
to turn away from what is wrong  
and turn to you in faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: We are dead to sin and evil and alive to God in Jesus.  
Now we can walk in new life! In Jesus 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.**

*(Please exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)*

*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.*

## \*RESPONSE

It's you I like,  
It's not the things you wear,  
It's not the way you do your hair  
But it's you I like

The way you are right now,  
The way down deep inside you  
Not the things that hide you,  
Not your toys  
They're just beside you.

## "It's You I Like"

But it's you I like  
Every part of you.  
Your skin, your eyes, your feelings  
Whether old or new

I hope that you'll remember  
Even when you're feeling blue  
That it's you I like,  
It's you yourself  
It's you, it's you I like.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all beauty, goodness, and truth,  
open our hearts to your Word  
and guide our feet by your Spirit,  
so we can shout and sing from the mountaintops  
the good news of your peace;  
through Jesus 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.*

### PSALM 23 (responsive)

GTG #473

Refrain:



**Shepherd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

(Refrain)

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley**

**of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

(Refrain)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

(Refrain)

*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.*

## PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, in the waters of Baptism you give us birth, and at your table you nourish us with heavenly food. In your goodness and mercy, lead us along safe paths, beyond the terrors of evil and death, to the house of the Lord where we may rest securely in you forever. **Amen.**

## SONG

"Jesus, Teach Us to be Neighbors"

1 Jesus, teach us to be neighbors,  
living, loving side by side,  
hands for helping one another,  
arms of welcome, open wide.

Ever learning, ever growing,  
Jesus, teach us all to be  
children of the new creation,  
joined in true community.

2 Jesus, teach us to be neighbors,  
giving, serving, those in need,  
making peace and doing justice,  
sharing faith in word and deed.

Ever learning, ever growing,  
Jesus, teach us all to be  
children of the new creation,  
where we are one family.

3 Jesus, teach us to be neighbors,  
Working, praying for the day  
when the Lamb will be the Shepherd,  
when our tears are washed away.

Ever learning, ever growing,  
Jesus, teach us all to be  
children of the new creation,  
singing praise in harmony.

## GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

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As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

They asked, "Where is this man?"

He replied, "I don't know."

Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?"

He replied, "He's a prophet."

The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him."

Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner."

The man answered, "I don't know whether he's a sinner. Here's what I do know: I was blind and now I see."

They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?"

He replied, "I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

They insulted him: "You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't know where this man is from."

The man answered, "This is incredible! You don't know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God's will. No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. If this man wasn't from God, he couldn't do this."

They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him.

Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?"

He answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you."

The man said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Jesus.

Jesus said, "I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don't see can see and those who see will become blind."

Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, "Surely we aren't blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you wouldn't have any sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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

## MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

### \*SONG

"When We Must Bear Persistent Pain"

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| 1 When we must bear persistent pain<br>and suffer with no cure in sight,<br>come, Holy Presence, breathe your peace<br>with gifts of warmth and healing light. | 3 We thank you for the better days<br>when we may smile to greet the sun,<br>to do your work with clearing mind,<br>and bless your name when day is done.  |
| 2 Support us as we learn new ways<br>to care for bodies newly frail.<br>Help us endure, and live and love.<br>Hear our complaint when patience fails.          | 4 In ease or pain, in life and death,<br>to you our fragile lives belong,<br>and so we trust you in all things.<br>You are our hope, our health, our song. |

### \*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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,  
People: **hear our prayer.**

## 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

#### \*SONG

*"We are One in the Spirit"*

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (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.*

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

**Rev. Jason Dauer**, pastor | **Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music  
**Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Emerging Worship Ensemble**  
**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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING following worship in the Pastor's Study.

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. Next book: *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr.

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](mailto: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.





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MARCH 26, 2023

MUNHALL COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS A SPRING CONCERT FEATURING MUSIC FROM CARMEN THE BEATLES  
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

# 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 19

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)  
12:00PM Membership Class (L)  
Worship Committee Meeting (PS)

## Monday, March 20

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

## Tuesday, March 21

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

## Wednesday, March 22

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

## Thursday, March 23

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

## Friday, March 24

4:15PM Flute Lessons (CE)  
6:00PM Munhall Band Rehearsal (S)  
8:30PM AA (SR)

## Saturday, March 25

8:30PM AA (SR)

## Next Sunday, March 26

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship (S)  
Youth Sunday School (GP)  
12:00PM Fellowship (GP), Membership Class (L), Deacon Meeting (GP)  
4:00PM Munhall Band Concert (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.*





## **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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Please check:     \_\_\_ I would like to take the plant  
                          \_\_\_ I would like it to be planted in the Prayer Garden

The cost of each plant is \$8.00. Please send check (payable to FPCE or pay online at [fpcedgewood.org/donate](http://fpcedgewood.org/donate)) with form and return it to the Church Office. Deadline is March 27, 2023.