



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



*Lent*   
 A SEASON OF RENEWAL



**Sunday Morning Worship at Eleven O'clock  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 26, 2023**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

O people of God, hope in the Lord!

**For with God there is steadfast love  
 and great power to redeem.**

Wait for the Lord.

**Our souls wait for the Lord  
 more than those who watch for the morning.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God who weeps with us,  
 you have sat beside us in the depths,  
 waiting with us in every dry and lifeless valley.  
 Grant us the endurance to wait as you do,  
 to discern in breathless bones the beginning of new life  
 and in days-old tombs a coming resurrection,  
 while never bypassing the reality of grief  
 or rushing those who yearn for comfort.  
 Breathe in us your life-giving Spirit,  
 that we might live and wait.  
 Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
 all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
 pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation;  
 enter every trembling heart.

*\* 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.*

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

### RESPONSE

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

from the Iona Community

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. sin of the world, grant us your peace.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember the words of the psalmist to the people of God:  
Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered by the grace of God.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord our God, you created us and called us good.  
You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided  
everything we might need.  
Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our  
We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are  
made in your image.**

**Forgive us, O Lord our God.  
Deliver us from sin and death, strengthen us by your faithfulness,  
and cover us with your righteousness,  
that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, believe the good news: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

## \*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 #402

"How Lovely, Lord"

verse 1 only

How lovely, Lord, how lovely  
is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting,  
to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter,  
a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us  
within its walls to rest.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord.  
Shape us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit,  
that these dry bones may rise and live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

NRSVue

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "Lord God, only you know."

He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live."

I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

*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.*

He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."

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

## HYMN

"Dry Bones"

African American Spiritual

Ezekiel cried, "Them dry bones," Ezekiel cried, "Them dry bones,"

Ezekiel cried, "Them dry bones, now hear the word of the Lord."

The toe bone connected to the heel bone, The heel bone connected to the foot bone,  
The foot bone connected to the leg bone, The leg bone connected to the knee bone,  
The knee bone connected to the thigh bone, The thigh bone connected to the back bone,  
The back bone connected to the neck bone, The neck bone connected to the head bone,  
Oh, hear the word of the Lord!

Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around, them bones, them bones, gonna walk around,  
Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around, Oh hear the word of the Lord!

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"With the Lord There is Mercy"

Psalms 130:1-6

*Sung refrain:*



With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

From out of the depths, I cry unto you,  
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;

**O let your ear be open to my pleading.**

(refrain)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
then who could stand within your sight?

**But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.**

(refrain)

Just as those who wait for the morning light,

**even more I long for the Lord, my God,  
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.**

(refrain)

## PSALM PRAYER

God of compassion, you sent your Word into the world to announce the dawn of salvation.  
Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but give us the fullness of your redeeming grace;  
through Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*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.*

**ACT 1**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

**ACT 2**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

**ACT 3**

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

#### **ACT 4**

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

#### **MESSAGE**

Rev. Jason Dauer

#### **\*HYMN #286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

#### **\*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**

Spirit of the living God, we cry to you out of the depths.

Hear our voice! Be attentive to our cry!

We live in the gap between resurrections, longing to hear you speak life to our weary souls:  
**our souls wait for you, more than those who watch for the morning.**

We cry out with those whose bones are dried up, suffering from chronic illnesses,  
the persistent weight of oppression, and the ongoing effects of poverty.

As we cry out with them,

**our souls wait for you, more than those who watch for the morning.**

We raise our voices with those whose hope is lost, weighed down by the ebb and flow of grief,  
in despair at the state of this world you have made, and exhausted by violence and abuse.

As we raise our voices with them,

**our souls wait for you, more than those who watch for the morning.**

We sit in solidarity with those who feel cut off completely, mired in the depths of loneliness,  
relegated to the margins of society, shunned and forgotten by those who should love them.

As we sit with them,

**our souls wait for you, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Great advocate and comforter, through your radiant presence  
teach us that the sorrows that grieve us disturb your Spirit too.

Remind us that your Spirit is with...

Enliven our spirits with your steadfast love, even as we wait for your redemption.

Through Jesus the Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## **RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING**

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

### **THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE – TOM OCHS**

#### **PRESENTATION**

**All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ  
and celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

#### **PRAYER**

## 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

### \*HYMN #728

"Somebody's Knocking at My Door"

Refrain:

Somebody's knocking at your door;  
somebody's knocking at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.

1 Knocks like Jesus.

Somebody's knocking at your door.  
Knocks like Jesus.  
Somebody's knocking at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.

2 Can't you hear him?

Somebody's knocking at your door.  
Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.

3 Answer Jesus.

Somebody's knocking at your door.  
Answer Jesus.  
Somebody's knocking at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.

## 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 | **Elder Jim Segedy**, liturgist

**Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **Mandy Rineer**, cantor | **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. Please place this card in the offering plate either during or after the service.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: After worship, the Deacons will be meeting, as well as anyone interested in the side lawn project (i.e., Property, Finance, Mission). On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>, Property and Finance will meet at 7 PM to discuss the Building Use Policy.

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 starting *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Fr. Richard Rohr. Drop by for conversation and coffee.

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.

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.



**LOVE GOD  
EACH OTHER  
OUR NEIGHBORS**

# 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 26

12:00PM Fellowship (GP), Membership Class (L), Side Lawn Project, Deacon Meetings (GP)  
4:00PM Munhall Community Band Concert (S)

## Monday, March 27

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

## Tuesday, March 28

10:00AM Book Club (AH)  
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony (S)  
7:00PM Building Use Policy Meeting (L)

## Wednesday, March 29

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

## Thursday, March 30

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

## Friday, March 31

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

## Saturday, April 1

8:30PM AA (SR)

## Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 2

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship (S), Youth Sunday School (GP)  
12:00PM Fellowship (GP), Membership Class (L)

## 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  
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MARCH 26, 2023

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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



## 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:

\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
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