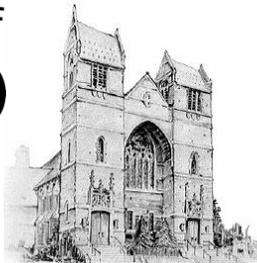




First Presbyterian Church of  
**EDGEWOOD**  
The Community Church



**11:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY @**  
**MORNINGS**

## First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Stewardship Sunday – November 13, 2022

\*All who are able, please stand.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

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

based on Psalm 98

We give thanks to you, God,

**for you have done marvelous things.**

Let the waters clap their hands.

**Let the trees dance.**

Let the birds sing for joy.

**May we remember together,**

today and every day,

**that you have done marvelous things.**

#### \*HYMN #757

"Today We All Are Called to be Disciples"

1 Today we all are called to be  
disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free,  
make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth  
ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth,  
responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud;  
we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down  
as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town  
to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for  
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God  
act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be  
disciples of the Lord.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We are imperfect. God calls us to be bold, and we seek comfort.  
God calls us to love others, and we put ourselves first.  
God calls us to care deeply, and we choose to be numb.  
Let us be honest with God and each other as we speak our shortcomings plainly,  
knowing that our creator hears us and will not turn away.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Almighty God, we have fallen short.

**We have harbored hate.**

We have celebrated the pain of others.

**We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know is right.**

Empower us that we may not grow weary.

**Teach us that we may know what is right.**

We silently name our failures and lay them at your feet now.

(Silent Confession)

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*RESPONSE

"Glory be to God"

Glo-ry be to God and to the Christ and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

### GATHERING SONG

"Surely the Presence"

Sure-ly the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might-y pow-er and his grace. I can  
hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see glo-ry on each face; sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, your Word is a gift.

Thank you for blessing us with these stories of faith and failure and redemption.

May we find truth in them. Holy Spirit, we know you are in this room with us today.

Please help us to hear the message you have for us today

that we may go out from here and help to bring about God's kingdom in our lives. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 65:17-25

The Message

<sup>17-25</sup> "Pay close attention now:

I'm creating new heavens and a new earth.  
All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain  
are things of the past, to be forgotten.  
Look ahead with joy.  
Anticipate what I'm creating:  
I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy,  
create my people as pure delight.  
I'll take joy in Jerusalem,  
take delight in my people:  
No more sounds of weeping in the city,  
no cries of anguish;  
No more babies dying in the cradle,  
or old people who don't enjoy a full lifetime;  
One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—  
anything less will seem like a cheat.  
They'll build houses  
and move in.  
They'll plant fields  
and eat what they grow.  
No more building a house  
that some outsider takes over,  
No more planting fields  
that some enemy confiscates,  
For my people will be as long-lived as trees,  
my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their work.  
They won't work and have nothing come of it,  
they won't have children snatched out from under them.  
For they themselves are plantings blessed by God,  
with their children and grandchildren likewise God-blessed.  
Before they call out, I'll answer.  
Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard.  
Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow,  
lion and ox eat straw from the same trough,  
but snakes—they'll get a diet of dirt!  
Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill  
anywhere on my Holy Mountain," says God.

**ANTHEM**

"Isaiah the Prophet"

Austin C. Lovelace

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 21:5-19

NRSVUE

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.

## SERMON

Rev. Jason Dauer

### \*HYMN #463

### "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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 & 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.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & INVITATION TO GIVE**

Elder Tyler McGuigan

**RESPONSE #710**

*"We Are an Offering"*

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours:  
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.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;  
we are an offering.

**LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Creator of all, the earth is yours,  
the world and all who live in it.

**You have entrusted us with gifts—**

**time, talent, energy, money—**

**and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.**

**With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

We bring these gifts you have given,  
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,  
our dollars and our hours.**

**We commit ourselves to work for your world,  
to love and serve wherever you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church,  
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,  
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**\*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!

3 I’m gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I’m gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I’m gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

*(Please join us in the Gathering Place after the service for a time of fellowship)*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

**The Rev. Jason Dauer**, pastor

**Elder Lisa Segedy**, liturgist | **Elder Tyler McGuigan**, stewardship moment

**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. We hope you consider joining us more often!

PLANNING MEETING TODAY...Session members, Deacons, staff, anyone interested...we will be having a 2023 Planning Meeting, **today at noon** after the morning worship service.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood, reading "A Man Called Peter".

HANGING OF THE GREENS will take place following worship **next Sunday**, November 20. Our annual tradition of the Hanging of the Greens is a fun time to decorate the sanctuary, hallways, and lounge for the upcoming Advent season. Come and stay after worship to help – the more, the merrier!

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY is collecting for their Thanksgiving & Christmas distribution. This will include a Thanksgiving gift card for Giant Eagle, provided by the Food Bank, vegetables (corn, green beans), stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, and a dessert mix. We expect to be distributing for up to 200 families for each holiday. The Christmas distribution will not include a gift card. Please let us know if you'd like to order a specific collection or can help us with the purchase of these items!

MHY HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM: For the past several years, FPCE has partnered with Mars Home for Youth when collecting donations for the annual Manger Tree drive. MHY Family Services is a non-profit organization serving youth with intensive behavioral needs and social challenges, and providing them a safe environment on their journey to wellness. Each year, MHY supports over 300 children through our residential program, and over 1,000 boys, girls and families in our community through our specialized trauma-based treatment. Our own Jim and Lisa Segedy are active with MHY as volunteers and members of the board of directors. A list of needed items and ways to donate can be found on our website and in the weekly email. Donations must be received by December 5.

ADVENT STUDY...Pastor Jason will be leading a study titled "Holy Disruption" which presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world. The group will meet on Thursdays during Advent, starting on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. If you are interested, please notify Pastor Jason or the church office of your preference for meeting in person or over zoom. You can pick up a free copy of the book in the Church Office (suggested donation is \$10) or access a free eBook through Hoopla, a digital public library resource. If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Jason ([pastorjason@fpcedgewood.org](mailto:pastorjason@fpcedgewood.org)).

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESENTS: "Wise Women's Work". Join us for conversations with inspired and inspiring women. All sessions begin at 7:30PM, online. Register at [www.pts.edu/wise-women-2223](http://www.pts.edu/wise-women-2223)

- Nov. 17: Becca Stevens-priest, author, entrepreneur, and founding director of Thistle Farms (more sessions in Jan., Feb., March 2023)

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room, CE=CE Office,  
D=Duff Room, GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study,  
S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

### Today, Sunday, November 13

12:00PM Fellowship, Planning Meeting (GP)

### Monday, November 14

6:30PM Scouts (SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

### Tuesday, November 15

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM ESO Rehearsal (S)

### Thursday, November 17

2:00PM Writing Class (L)

5:00PM Flute Lesson (CE)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

7:00PM SAA (L)

### Friday, November 18

9:00AM Shady Side Academy Visit (SR)

4:15PM Flute Lesson (CE)

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Saturday, November 19

6:00PM EVFD Friendsgiving (GP)

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Christ the King Sunday, November 20

9:30AM Worship Ensemble (S)

11:00AM Emerging Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

**12:15PM Hanging of the Greens**

## 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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