



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All Saints' Day, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – November 1, 2020

**To avoid contact, those attending in person should pick up communion elements from the trays in the back of the sanctuary upon arrival, take to their seats, and partake when directed during the sacrament.*

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Praise the Lord!
 Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 Praise Him in the heights!
 Praise Him, all His angels;
 Praise Him, all His hosts!
**Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the earth!**
**Young men and maidens together,
 old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his majesty is above earth and heaven.
**He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his saints,
 for the people of Israel who are near to him.**
Praise the Lord!

HYMN #326

"For All the Saints"

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #582

“Glory to God”

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.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:1-16

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

“The Goal of Life”

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;

grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (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.

LITURGY OF PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks for all the redeemed:

God of life, we give you thanks for all those people, so very dear to us,
whose loving presence here on earth is no more, yet who live a larger life hidden in Christ.
Grant them your peace and joy.

And may perpetual light shine upon them

We give you thanks for those servants of yours in this nation whom we never met, yet whose
faith and love were like beacons in this world of shadows.

Grant them your peace and joy.

And may perpetual light shine upon them

We give you thanks for the courageous Christians around the world who lived and died in the
faith, blazing trails of glory in the name of Jesus.

Grant them your peace and joy.

And may perpetual light shine upon them

O Lord our God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in your love,
and whose gentle power holds in its embrace your children both in this world and the next,
unite us to yourself that in fellowship with you we may always be united with our loved ones,
whether here or there.

**Give us courage, constancy and hope; through him who died and was
buried and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

O Lord of Life, Ancient of Days, our Shepherd, Alpha and Omega, today we especially remember
and give thanks for:

Thomas Stephens

Vicki McMahon

Edward McCrady

Charles Ganster

Helen Ebken

Tim Carr

George MacDonald

COMMUNION HYMN #512 "The Bread and the Wine are Here"

The bread and the wine are here;
come now, all who hunger and thirst.
Come needy; come now without fear.
Drink joy, as the last become first!

Come in; sit down;
there's room at the table;
enjoy the feast
love has spread for you.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The God of heaven has made his home on earth,

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who hunger

And be filled with the bread of heaven.

Come now all who thirst,

And drink from the cup of salvation.

Come now all who seek

And be warmed by the fire of love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

All your works, the height and the depth,

echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning your Word summoned light,
night withdrew, and creation dawned.

As ages passed unseen,

waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

When the times at last had ripened

and the earth grown full in abundance,

you created in your image man and woman,

the stewards of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech,

that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise,

and to celebrate the creation you call good.

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,

we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:



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.

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!
When sin had scarred the world,
you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
as a father joyfully welcomes his own,
you embraced a people as your own
and filled them with longing for a peace that would last
and for a justice that would never fail.

**Through countless generations
your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them you raised up Jesus, your Son,
the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.**

He healed the sick,
though he himself would suffer;
he offered life to sinners,
though death would hunt him down.
But with a love stronger than death,
he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Gracious God,
as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him,
for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness
and exalted him as Lord of creation.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The lyrics 'Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also with the same lyrics below it.

Eternal God,
let your Holy Spirit move in power over us
and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ,
and that we may become one in him.

**May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer,
strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.
Then, at last, all peoples will be free,
all divisions healed, and with your whole creation,
we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.

You will be invited to eat the bread and drink the cup.

Those attending in person should pick up the elements upon arrival.

If watching from home, please prepare whatever bread and cup you have available.

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

- 1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.
- 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.
- 3 They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor

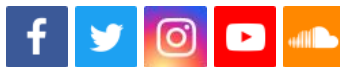
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music

Sunny Sakai, pianist

Elder John Foster, videographer

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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.*

