

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper All Saints' Celebration – November 6, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

From Beth Merrill Neel

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying, "Let there be light!"

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

"I am the Light of the world."

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

the ones in whom God's light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

and let us worship God!

*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!
- 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!
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. 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!
- 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 CONFESSION

God privileges us with time and attention.

Let us not squander this time

but approach our Redeemer with a humble and honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

from Flames of the Spirit by Ruth Duck

God, you send us saints...

And we imprison them, or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.

God, you send us saints...

And we persuade ourselves that they are fools, or meddlers or incompetents. Have mercy.

God, you send us saints...

And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.

God, you send us saints...

And we ignore them. Have mercy.

(Some moments of reflective silence)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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



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

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ANTHEM "At the River" arr. John Goldsmith

SCRIPTURE Luke 20:27-38 NRSVUE

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

SERMON Jason Dauer

*HYMN #822

"When We are Living"

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.
- 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.Good works of service are for offering.When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.
- 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.
- 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS

God you have been with us throughout the ages.

You have bore witness to the ways in which the story of us – of all that has come into being – has been woven together piece by piece, life by life.

We recognize, today, that it is because of the saints who have gone before us, that we are. Those who have struggled for justice, who have given so that others may live more freely – we would not be, if not for them.

In remembrance and gratitude, we name the saints who hungered for righteousness and whose sacrifices have contributed to a more just society:

(name aloud or silently those you wish to remember)

Because of those who have loved us – those who have nurtured us, embraced us, celebrated us, or supported us. We are because they were. In remembrance and gratitude, we name the saints who have shaped our lives and being:

(name aloud or silently those you wish to remember)

We also hold in remembrance the ones whose lives were taken by injustice, the ones who never knew their own belovedness, the ones who passed on our faith, the ones who gave us art, gave us song, gave us poetry. We are because they were.

Like us, we know they were imperfect too. There is no life that is not messy and contradictory, often betraying the very justice and love we seek to embody. And yet, you, O God, promise that our labor to Love is never made in vain.

Help us to lean on the witness of those who have gone before us, drawing on the love, justice, community, and faith that weaves us together, generation after generation – past, present, and future.

Friends, our prayer continues as we remember those in our community who have passed away. After each name is read, we invite family or friends to come forward and light a candle.

Connie Black Marilyn Lobert Jim Moore Mary Ross Randy Wadsworth

I invite anyone else forward who has experienced the loss of a loved one to light a candle as well.

(All are invited to come forward to light a candle in honor of loved ones and saints who have gone before us into glory)

With gratitude and in remembrance we pray, Amen.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Eat This Bread"

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

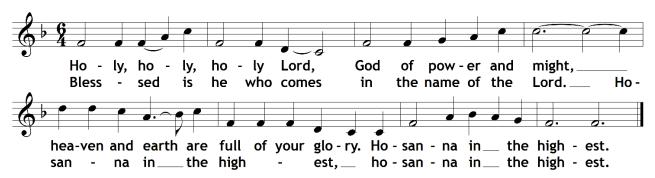
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection. From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence. How glorious is your heavenly realm where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Sent to be our Savior, he took our flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. His words are true. His touch brings healing. To all who follow him, he gives abundant life. When evil sought to destroy him, and he lay in the darkness of death, you raised him from the grave. He is our risen Lord forever!

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS & 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You will be invited to come down the center aisle to receive the bread and cup. Partake and drop your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"In Remembrance of Me"

Hymn #521

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.

*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.

THE SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

BENEDICTION

based on Revelation 7:12, 16-17

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

We go out to be God's people.

Go in strength to be the saints of God for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

We go out to be God's people.

Live the way of God with confidence for God is your shepherd, and will guide you to the spring of life.

We go out to be God's people. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor | Elder Flo Raisig, liturgist

Shaun Cloonan, minister of music Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir

John Foster, videographer

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Liturgy in this service is drawn from Call to Worship and The Presbyterian Outlook.

This service may be found posted on our website at www.fpcedgewood.org, on our YouTube channel, or audio only on our SoundCloud channel at www.soundcloud.com/fpcedgewood





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. We hope you consider joining us more often!

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Marilyn Lobert, today, Nov. 6, 6-9PM, Wightman School, Squirrel Hill.

SESSION MEETING...Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7PM in the Church Lounge.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...Session members, Deacons, staff, anyone interested...we will be having a 2023 Planning Meeting, **November 13th at noon** after the morning worship service. We will looking at January through May. Please try to be at this meeting, and if you cannot, send anything you want discussed to Pastor Jason or Judy Mysels.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help run the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry mobile food pantry to get food to those in need! This is a recurring opportunity on Saturdays from 11:00AM to 1:30PM at Covenant Church and Eternal City, at the Corner of Park Avenue and Swissvale Avenue, in Wilkinsburg. Register and double your impact via @involvemint: https://tinyurl.com/WCMMobile

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PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESENTS: "Wise Women's Work". Join us for conversations with inspired and inspiring women who connect the work of their hands to the well-being of our communities and help create a world that supports the flourishing of all. All sessions begin at 7:30PM, online. Register at 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, GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study, S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Today, All Saints Sunday, November 6

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

Monday, November 7

4:00PM Flute Lesson (O)
7:00PM Den Meeting (Sc)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, November 8

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM ESO Rehearsal (S)
7:00PM Session Meeting (L)

Thursday, November 10

3:45PM Flute Lessons (O) 7:00PM Milepost6 (B) 7:00PM SAA (L)

Friday, November 11

4:15PM Flute Lessons (O)

8:30PM AA (SR)

Saturday, November 12

8:30PM AA (SR)

Stewardship Sunday, November 13

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)

11:00AM Worship/Communion(S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

Planning Meeting (GP)

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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*Gift Cards help us meet the therapeutic care needs of those we

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Twin, Full & Queen size Comforters & Sheets Feminine Products Body Wash/Shampoo/Conditioner Body Sprays/Perfume & Cologne gift sets Body Lotions (male & female) Weighted Blankets (10 or 15 lbs.) Athletic Shoes - Children sizes 6-12, Men sizes 6-13, Women sizes 6-11 Hoodies - youth & adult sizes New Reusable Water Bottles Large Reusable Shopping Bags (from TJ Maxx & Marshalls) Self-Care Gift Basket Items: mugs, coffee/tea, bubble bath, scented lotions, face masks, candles, chocolates

Art & Science

Art Canvases without staples Paint & Brushes Origami Books & Paper Bracelet Making Kits STEM & Science Kits

Games & Other Fun

Lego Sets (All types including Mario, Harry Potter, Jurassic Park & 3-in-1 sets) Action Figures (Minecraft, Naruto, Sonic, Five Nights at Freddy's) Stuffed Animals (assortment including Minecraft & Five Nights at Freddy's) Pokemon Cards Family Board Games Squishies & Squishmallows Push Pop Bubble Toys, Stress Balls & Fidgets Kinetic Sand Play-Doh & Thinking Putty New Young Adult Books Large Bags of Candy & Chocolates

Electronics & Sports

Bluetooth Headphones Remote Control Cars Hand-held Games Sports Balls Skateboards Batteries (AA & AAA)



Monetary Donations

Help us to ensure that youth and families have all they need to meet personal care, therapeutic and program needs. Giving is easy!

Simply visit **mhyfamilyservices.org**

(or scan the QR code and go directly to our site) and make a secure on-line gift. Or make a check payable to "Mars Home for Youth Foundation."



All gifts will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible receipt.

include your name and address with your donation'so we may acknowledge you'r gift!

For questions or to schedule an appointment to drop off holiday gifts, please contact Karen Harvey at kharvey@mhyfamilyservices.org or 724.625.3141 x 283.



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Thank you for your kindness and for making our children feel so special this holiday season!



MHY FAMILY SERVICES'



HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM 2022



During this year of transition, YOU, our local friends and community partners, have been essential to our growing response to children in crisis. As we continue to manage the increasing mental health needs of youth and families, we know that the holiday season often brings its own challenges for children who are struggling and facing obstacles far beyond their years.

This year, more than ever, your help is needed. Your gift will allow MHY's therapists and care professionals to have the resources needed to ensure all those we serve have what they need for their health, safety and, of course, some *Holiday Cheer!*

Please consider continuing your support to local children and families this year.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Simply write checks payable to **Mars Home for Youth Foundation** and mail to the address below or scan this QR code and go directly to our site to make a secure on-line gift. You can also visit our secure on-line donation portal at **mhyfamilyservices.org/give-now/.**

GIFT CARDS

See a full list of retail establishments on the Christmas Wish List. Please drop off or mail to MHY at the address below.



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Please see our *Christmas Wish List* on the back side of this page for our most needed items.



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