

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship 20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 23, 2022 | Proper 25

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

How lovely is the house of the Lord.

How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.

How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.

How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.

*HYMN #401

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
 Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
 O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast, to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.
- 2 Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me; your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace in love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill, to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still. In patient expectation we live for that great day when your renewed creation your glory shall display.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God of mercy waits in compassion to show mercy. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us. for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off, God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in. This is good news!

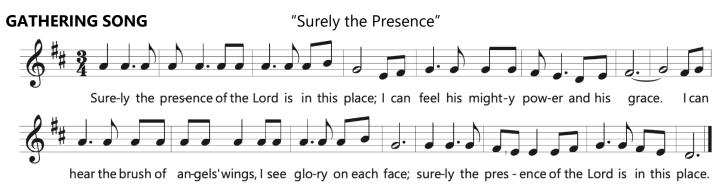
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!



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 Christ be with you: **and also with you.**



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth. Humble us in your presence so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

NRSVUE

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Stand By Me"

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Rev. Jason Dauer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:9-14

CEB

⁹ Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust:

¹⁰ "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' ¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.'

¹⁴ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

SERMON

*HYMN #157

"I Danced in the Morning"

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,but they would not dance and they would not follow me.I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.The holy people said it was a shame.They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Christ Jesus,

though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

from Philippians 2:6-11

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #442

"Just as I Am"

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many_a conflict, many_a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

THE SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;because thy promise I believe,O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
- 4 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

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

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service: The Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor | Lorraine Douthett, liturgist Sunny Sakai, pianist | David Falk & Mandy Rineer, vocalists John Foster, videographer

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

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(Nelcome)

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!

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

DEADLINE for the next issue of "News from the Edge" is Friday, October 28 by 12:00 Noon. Please send any articles or items to be included in our monthly congregational newsletter to Judy via email at office@fpcedgewood.org.

SEEKING NAMES...our annual observance of All Saints' Day takes place on the first Sunday in November. We honor those who have passed on to the church triumphant during the last year by saying their names aloud during our time of remembrance. If you have a loved one you would like to have recognized during the service, please notify the office.

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

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available at the tables at the entrances. Call the Church Office if you would like one sent to you via email.

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESENTS: "Wise Women's Work". The work of women is often a contested thing - its shape, its worth, its dignity and power. But over and over again, the world is saved and healed by the work of women: women who are menders and makers, growers and bakers, artists, teachers and caregivers. 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

- Oct. 27: Kendall Vanderslice-baker, theologian, writer, and developer behind Edible Theology
- 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, Sunday, October 23

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

Monday, October 24

| 6:30PM | Cub Scouts (SR) |
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| 7:00PM | Vocal Confluence (S) |

<u>Tuesday, October 25</u> 10:00AM Book Club (AH)

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

| 12:00PM | Newsletter Deadline |
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| 4:15PM | Flute Lessons (O) |
| 8:30PM | AA (SR) |

Saturday, October 29 8:30PM AA (SR)

Reformation Sunday, October 309:30AMChoir Rehearsal (S)11:00AMWorship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)12:00PMFellowship (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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Ministers The Entire Congregation



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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