

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 30, 2022 | Reformation Sunday

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

As Jesus called to Zacchaeus, so he calls to us.

Jesus longs to abide with us:

Here in this place, in our homes, and wherever the body of Christ is gathered.

Jesus invites us, just as we are.

Let us worship God, who calls us by name, who came to seek and save the lost.

Let us praise God's name together!

*HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
 Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
 His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

 Dost ask who that may be?

 Christ Jesus, it is he.

 Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

 His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.

 One little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

 The body they may kill;

 God's truth abideth still.

 His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist reminds us: happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Freed from the burden of hiding our shame and sin, let us offer our prayer of confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Saving God, we confess that we are caught in systems of privilege and power, and escape can feel impossible. It is easier to give our sacrifices and offerings than to work to change the systems. We confess our complicity in injustice, our comfort in inequality and our ease in stretching out hands in prayer rather than service. Forgive us, God. Strengthen us to answer Jesus's call to repentance, that we may learn to do good, seek justice and serve the oppressed. Amen.

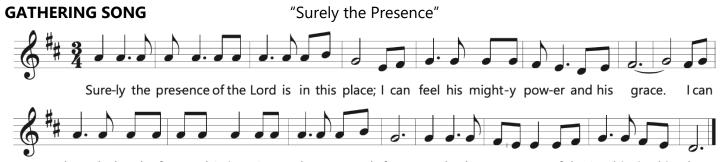
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's promises are sure, and God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. We are forgiven and reconciled by the grace of Jesus Christ. Salvation is here! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our 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

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10 NRSVUE

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. ³ Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable due to the crowd, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place,

He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ When the people saw this, they all began to complain, saying, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!" ⁸ But Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

ANTHEM "Victory is Ours" Thomas Keesecker

Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.

Victory is ours through him who loves us.

Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours through him who loves us.

Desmond Tutu

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack,

and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

SERMON Hunter Steinitz, MDiv

*HYMN #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2:6-11

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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*HYMN #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:

- till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

THE SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

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

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude Sunny has prepared for us. This also helps with the live-streamed recording to have clear audio for those joining us in worship online.

Participants in this worship service:

Hunter Steinitz, guest pastor | Elder Marcia Haley, liturgist

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

John Foster, videographer

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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".

SEEKING NAMES...our annual observance of All Saints' Day takes place on Sunday, November 6. 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.

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 be 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

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

• 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 30 12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

Monday, October 31

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, November 1

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

Thursday, November 3

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

7:00PM SAA (L)

Friday, November 4

4:15PM Flute Lessons (O)

8:30PM AA (SR)

Saturday, November 5

8:30PM AA (SR)

All Saints Sunday, November 6

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)

11:00AM Worship/Communion (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00PM Fellowship (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.