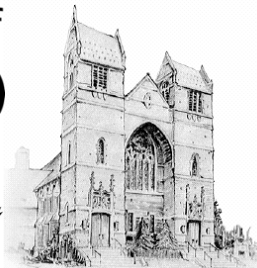




First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



11:00 AM
SUNDAY @ 
MORNINGS

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost, Rally Day – September 11, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain—

the pain of losing something precious.

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy—

the joy of finding what was lost.

We gather to hear Jesus speak

words of truth, words of power, words of love.

Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

***HYMN #35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence

we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against each other

in our pursuits of power, control, and security.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

From the Iona Community in Scotland

set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.

**Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.**

Amen. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
Amen.

***RESPONSE #582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

1 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.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**
(Please share the peace as you feel safe and comfortable.)

GATHERING SONG "Spirit Song"

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Wisdom, we ask that your Spirit would guide us in meditation, that we might be led more
deeply into knowledge of you and love for all your creatures and creations, and that we may
know the hope to which Christ has called us.
In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:169-176

Common English Bible (CEB)

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¹⁶⁹ Let my cry reach you, LORD;
help me understand according to what you've said.

¹⁷⁰ Let my request for grace come before you;
deliver me according to your promise!

171 Let my lips overflow with praise
because you've taught me your statutes.
172 Let my tongue declare your word,
because all your commandments are righteous.
173 Let your power help me
because I have chosen your precepts.
174 LORD, I long for your saving help!
Your Instruction is my joy!
175 Let me live again so I can praise you!
Let your rules help me!
176 I've wandered off like a sheep, lost.
Find your servant
because I haven't forgotten
your commandments!

ANTHEM

"Keep Your Lamps!"

Andre Thomas

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living.

¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

SERMON

"Safe at Home"

***HYMN #750**

“Goodness is Stronger Than Evil”

(sing twice)

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours, through God who loves us.
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Adapted from “Sept. 11 Litany from the National Council of Churches”

One: We light a candle in remembrance for all those who suffered and died on Sept. 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

[candle is lit]

When we recall the thousands of workers, old and young, American-born and those born in countries around the world who so valiantly helped one another, we can say together,

All: We remember great courage.

One: When we recall the first responders who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

All: We remember selfless service.

One: When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation’s blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together,

All: We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.

One: When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

All: We are grateful for generosity.

One: Remembrance begins with deep, personal identification, marking the pain of our siblings as our own. In our remembrance, we recognize that we have not done enough to address the sources of anger, hate, dehumanization, rage, and indignation that lead to acts of violence.

All: We confess and regret our own anger and recognize its dangers to our spirits, our health, and our community.

One: In the midst of the aftermath of the events of September 11th, 2001, we have been tempted to seek only our own good, hear only our own truth, and acknowledge only our own suffering.

All: We know that peace will come to us and to our children only when the concerns of justice anywhere become the subject of political and social will everywhere, and that no justice leads to no peace.

One: Repentance means to turn away from wrong deeds. We continue to turn away from our patterns of abuse and domination—seeking healing and reconciliation for all of God’s creation.

All: We must hold firmly to our unity, borne not of tragedy but of loving-kindness.

One: Today, we dare to hope for an era yet to come in which the slaughter of innocents, the ambitions of power, and cultural, racial and religious bigotries are but memories of a dim past.

All: God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless.

Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance.

Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love.

By your Spirit, give rise in us to broad sympathy for all your creation.

Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small, for those things that make for peace.

Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory.

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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*HYMN #649

"Amazing Grace"

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| 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. | 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun. |
| 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. | |

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:

Jason Dauer, guest pastor | **Elder Lisa Segedy**, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Sanctuary Choir**
John Foster, videographer

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Welcome! 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!

THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME back to our pulpit our pastor nominating committee's recommended candidate, Jason Dauer. He will be leading our service and preaching his "candidating sermon" ahead of today's congregational meeting.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood, reading "The Fifth Gospel" by Ian Caldwell.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY:

Congregational Meeting, 12:15PM, Sanctuary. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to approve extending the call to Jason Dauer as the next Pastor at Edgewood. Only members holding active status may participate in the discussion and voting at this meeting. Call the office if unsure of your status. Per Presbytery guidelines for the meeting, the vote will take place by paper ballot and must be counted by appointed tellers and announced after the tally.

Extended Fellowship, 1:00PM, Gathering Place. Upon completion of the expected favorable vote, join us as we officially welcome Jason to the Edgewood family the best way we know how... through food and refreshments! Help us show Jason our Christian hospitality.

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

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 15

3:15PM Flute Lessons (O)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)
7:00PM SAA (L)

Friday, September 16

4:15PM Flute Lessons (O)
8:30PM AA (SR)

Saturday, September 17

8:30PM AA (SR)

Next Sunday, September 18

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)
12:15PM Fellowship (L)

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How can you become involved?

As we reopen, working to rebuild and 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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The Entire Congregation



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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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