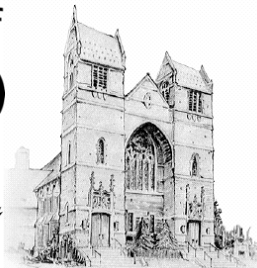




First Presbyterian Church of  
**EDGEWOOD**  
The Community Church



**11:00** AM  
**SUNDAY @**   
**MORNINGS**

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**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 18, 2022**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Jesus reminds us today that, "You cannot serve God and wealth."

**Open us to your truth, Lord. Open our hearts to honesty.**

Let us enter worship humbly, ready to realign our faith according to God's Word.

**\*HYMN #327**

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

1 From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sound all voices raise  
and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Nehemiah 9:17*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (responsive)

Savior God, we are indebted to you and your generosity.

**But we fail to forgive our debtors.**

We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share.

**We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty,  
claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair.**

God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage.

**Grant us a season of jubilee.**

Reorder our communities so that all may contribute,  
and all may thrive.

*(Silent Confession)*

**Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God lightens the load of those overly burdened, supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down. Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers. Know the new life Christ has given us. 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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
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 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.**

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**

Amos 8:4-7

Common English Bible (CEB)

- <sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying,  
“When will the new moon  
be over so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath  
so that we may offer wheat for sale,  
make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel,  
and deceive with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup> in order to buy the needy for silver  
and the helpless for sandals,  
and sell garbage as grain?”  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget what they have done.

**ANTHEM**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Jack Schrader

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 16:1-13

Common English Bible (CEB)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus also said to the disciples, “A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. <sup>2</sup> He called the manager in and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.’

<sup>3</sup> “The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I’m not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

<sup>5</sup> “One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.’ <sup>7</sup> Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said, ‘Take your contract and write eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it’s gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> If you haven’t been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> If you haven’t been faithful with someone else’s property, who will give you your own? <sup>13</sup> No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN**

"Where Your Treasure Is"

*Congregation sings the refrain before and after each verse sung by the leader:*

Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be. All that  
 you pos-sess will ne-ver set you free. Seek the things that last; come and  
 learn from me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

- 1 What do you gain from all your worry,  
 What you should eat or what to wear?  
 There is no peace in stress or hurry.  
 Do you not know that you are held within God's care?
- 2 Look at the ravens high above you.  
 They do not work their whole life through.  
 And yet God feeds them & protects them.  
 So how much more will God protect and care for you?
- 3 Behold the lilies in their splendor.  
 In grace and beauty are they dressed,  
 And yet so soon their bloom is faded.  
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

**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.**

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS  
 PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #700**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

- 1 I’m gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
  
- 2 I’m gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
  
- 3 I’m gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
  
- 4 I’m gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**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.*

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***Participants in this worship service:***

Jason Dauer, pastor | Rick Masten, 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!

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

BIBLE STUDY...Wednesdays at 7:30PM via Zoom.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO the Ordination and Installation Service for Jason Dauer next Sunday, September 25 at 4:00PM in the sanctuary. Join us for a worship service celebrating the call of Jason as our pastor with special guests from the Presbytery as well as Jason's life and ministry as he officially becomes a Teaching Elder and Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A reception will follow to celebrate Reverend Dauer!

CROP WALK: ON OCTOBER 9, the Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 45th year of walking to end hunger one step at a time. The oldest walk in the country, is sponsored by Church World Service ([www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)). 25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End Common Ministries and Wilksburg Community Ministry. FPCE will participate in this event with walkers Judy and Mariah Mysels and Rhonda Apossos and family, who aim to raise \$800. If anyone else would like to join our small group of walkers, let Rhonda or Judy know. We gather at the South Avenue United Methodist Church at 1:00 to prepare for the 10K loop through Squirrel Hill and back. The walk distance is 6.2 miles. Walking time is approximately 2.5 hours. The route is a little different this year since the Fern Hollow Bridge is out and a detour is in place.

You can participate by either walking or sponsoring FPCE walkers. You can also go to their website: <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburgheastpa> to electronically send money or sponsor a walker.

## 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 19

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

### Tuesday, September 20

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

### Wednesday, September 21

7:30PM Bible Study (Zoom)

### Thursday, September 22

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

### Friday, September 23

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

### Saturday, September 24

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Next Sunday, September 25

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship (S)  
Youth Sunday School (GP)  
12:15PM Fellowship (L)  
4:00PM Ordination Service (S)  
5:00PM Reception (GP)

## 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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*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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