



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



Emerging Worship at Eleven O'Clock
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 19, 2021

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

The sound of your voice is in our heart, calling us to worship.

We have heard your voice, oh Lord.

You have blessed us with knowledge of your will. Our minds are open to your words.

Together we will study your words, oh Lord.

The excitement of our faith will stand the test of time.

**When you knock, we will be eagerly standing and ready
to throw open the door ready to honor your presence.**

***SONG**

“He Has Made Me Glad”

(sing twice)

I will enter His gates

with thanksgiving in my heart;

I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say “this is the day

that the Lord has made”

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad,

He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad,

He has made me glad.

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (unison)

**You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other
to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation.**

**Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what
you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***SONG #452**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

I want to see you;

to see you high and lifted up,

shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love

as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Father, we are here with our heads bowed in full submission, confessing our weakness, guilty of losing sight of your divine presence. Lord, we recognize where we are falling short and so very in need of your strength and mercy, begging once again to be carried in your arms as a little child. You are our only hope. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE #447**

"We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(children may go to Sunday School at this time)

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

(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

GATHERING SONG

"Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-18

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
- ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
- ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

ANTHEM #29

"O God, You Search Me"

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| <p>1 O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down
you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.</p> <p>2 You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.</p> <p>3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning
through and through.
You are with me beyond</p> | <p>my understanding:
God of my present, my past,
and future, too.</p> <p>4 Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth
I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.</p> <p>5 For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands,
all creation is made new.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:15-22

¹⁵ "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, 'I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.' You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹ I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. ²¹ To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

SERMON

“The Devil’s Pocketbook”

Faye D’Ippolito

***SONG**

“Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door”

Somebody’s knocking at your door;
somebody’s knocking at your door;
O sinner, why don’t you answer?
Somebody’s knocking at your door.

O sinner, why don’t you answer?
Somebody’s knocking at your door.

2 Can’t you hear him?
Somebody’s knocking at your door...

1 Knocks like Jesus.
Somebody’s knocking at your door.
Knocks like Jesus.
Somebody’s knocking at your door.

3 Answer Jesus.
Somebody’s knocking at your door...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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SONG

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he’s given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
(repeat)

And now let the weak say,
“I am strong”;
let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what
the Lord has done for us!”
(repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SONG**

“Cry of My Heart”

Refrain
It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life
(repeat)

2 Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You
Oh oh whoa
(interlude)

1 Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You
Oh oh whoa (refrain)

(Refrain)
Ending:
All of the days of my life (4 times)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this morning's worship service:

Faye D'Ippolito, guest pastor
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist

The Emerging Worship Ensemble:

Tim Hoffman, George Horner, & Lisa Segedy, guitars
Johnny Hrebik & Jim Segedy, rhythm section
Tyler McGuigan & Mandy Rineer, vocals

John Foster, videographer | Glenn Allen Monk, greeter

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Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

AUGUST 5, 2021 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, and in response to Allegheny County moving from the moderate to substantial transmission rate, the Worship Committee has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

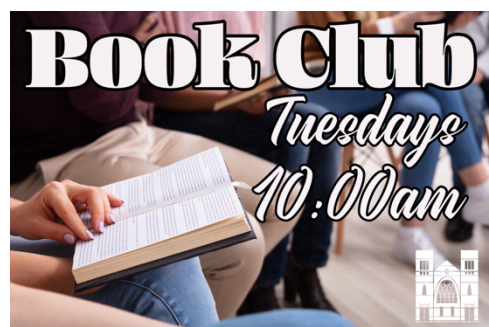
- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of hymns and responses. Lyrics will continue to be printed in the bulletin for those following along online.

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have. Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

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!

INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST? Contact Shaun Cloonan to sign up for an upcoming Sunday and assist our guest pastors in leading worship.

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apeossos, 361 Maple Avenue.



**PET BLESSING
OCTOBER 2 @ NOON**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, Saturday, October 2, Noon to 1PM. The service will open with a brief liturgy and prayer, then each pet will be blessed individually by Elder Jim Segedy. Coffee and snacks will be served. Please invite your friends, families, and neighbors to this blessing ceremony.

CROP WALK is set for Sunday, October 10 at 1:00PM beginning at South Avenue United Methodist Church. Judy Mysels, Mariah Mysels, and Rhonda Apossos are currently signed up to walk for the FPCE team. Contact the office to join as a walker or to make a donation in support of local and global mission. Donations can also be made online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgewood>

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



A banner for the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. On the left, it says 'SOCIALLY DISTANCED & ONLINE WORSHIP' in large blue letters. In the center is the church's logo, a stylized cross with a flame. To the right, it says 'First Presbyterian Church of EDGEWOOD The Community Church'. Below the text are icons for Facebook Livestream, a heart with sound waves, a play button, a laptop with a signal icon, and the Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter social media icons. At the bottom, the website address 'WWW.FPCEEDGEWOOD.ORG' is written in purple letters.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- September 26 – Heather Humphries Henkel preaching
- October 3 – World Communion Sunday, Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching
- October 10 – Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching, baptism
- October 17 – Emerging Worship, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching
- October 24 – Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching
- October 31 – Reformation Sunday

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 20

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)
7:00PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

Tuesday, September 21

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)
8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Wednesday, September 22

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Thursday, September 23

2:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, September 24

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, September 25

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, September 26

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (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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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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