



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 26, 2021**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

Come, Lord, and be one with us.

We invite you to open our hearts to receive your love.

**Come now, Lord, and pour your love into our lives once again.**

Come, Lord, and be one with us.

We invite you to open our eyes to see your glory.

**Come now, Lord, for we are waiting to see your face.**

Come, Lord, and be one with us.

We invite you to open our minds to understand your grace.

**Come now, Lord, for we want to experience all the blessings you want to give us.**

Come, Lord, and be one with us.

**Come now, Lord. We are waiting and watching and listening.**

**We are ready to encounter your glory and seek your will for our lives.**

Come, Lord, and keep us alert to your calling.

**Come now.**

**OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

**O God, we trust in your power, even as it is often found in weakness;  
in your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness;  
in your wholeness, even as it comes to us amid brokenness.**

**We do not ask this day for dazzling displays of strength, electric exercises  
of intellectual prowess, or marvelous manifestations of miracles.**

**We come simply to worship you. Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are,  
that we might become your saints, your body, your children, your church.**

**For this Temple of your Spirit is built not upon our own abilities, knowledge,  
or restorative skill, but upon you, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
(Silent Confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE #582**

"Glory to God"

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. (*sing 3 times*)  
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.**  
(*For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.*)

**GATHERING SONG**

"Surely the Presence"



Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might-y pow-er and his grace. — I can



hear the brush of ang-el's wings, I see glor-y on each face. Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 124

- <sup>1</sup> If it had not been the Lord who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—  
<sup>2</sup> if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,  
<sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**ANTHEM**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

arr. Jack Schrader

**SCRIPTURE**

James 5:13-20

- <sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.  
<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**SERMON****"Ethical Conduct in an Immoral World"****Heather Henkel****\*HYMN #667****"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

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| 1 When morning gilds the skies,<br>my heart awaking cries:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br>Alike at work and prayer<br>to Jesus I repair:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised! | 2 Does sadness fill my mind?<br>A solace here I find:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br>Or fades my earthly bliss?<br>My comfort still is this:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised! |
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3 Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

## **SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK**

### **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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#### **RESPONSE #710**

"We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;  
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:  
we are an offering.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### **\*HYMN #465**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit;  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Go in peace – have a blessed week!*

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### Participants in this worship service:

Heather Humphries Henkel, guest pastor | Elder Marcia Haley, liturgist  
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir  
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:

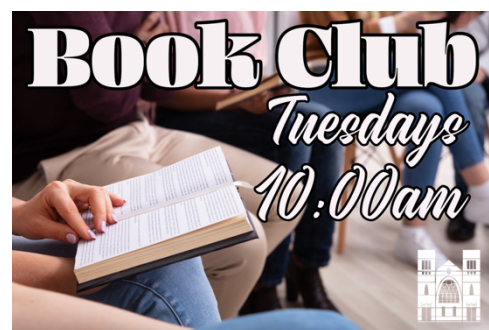
- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of 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 Apossos, 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



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**UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

November 7 – All Saints' Observance, Communion (awaiting preacher confirmation)  
November 14 – Stewardship Sunday, Jason Dauer preaching  
November 21 – Christ the King Sunday Emerging Worship (awaiting preacher confirmation)  
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent, Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

## 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 27

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

### Tuesday, September 28

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

### Wednesday, September 29

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

### Thursday, September 30

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

### Friday, October 1

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Saturday, October 2

12:00PM Blessing of the Animals (SL)  
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Next Sunday, October 3

#### *World Communion Sunday*

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Communion 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**



*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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