



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – February 13, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER** (responsive)

Like trees planted by streams of water

Let us trust in the Lord

and meditate on God's Word

so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

Let us pray:

God our Delight, your word guides us in paths that are true.

**We do not want to walk so long in sin that we take our place among those
opposed to your ways, or settle down in the company of ridicule.**

**Watch over us, we pray, as we meditate on you day and night,
and we will be happy. 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)

Sustaining God, you lead us through the parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in light and justice. We ignore the call of your Kin-dom, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the needs of our souls and of our communities. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of what it looks like to live as your Body in this world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When the heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*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

"As We Gather"

As we gather may your Spirit work within us. As we gather may we glorify your name. Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed because we came, we'll be blessed because we came.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

ANTHEM

“Like a Tree”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Like a tree by the flowing water, growing deeper, stretching high
Like a tree by the flowing water, connected to the source of life
Blessed, blessed are we to abide in God’s Word,
Nourished through every season; blessed are we.
Planted, planted by grace, we are rooted in God’s design
Freely, freely abiding, planted by grace
Trusting, trusting our lives to the holy way of God,
We will, we will surrender, trusting our lives.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SERMON

"With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility"

Hunter Steinitz

*HYMN #172

"Blest Are They"

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. (Refrain)

3 Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. (Refrain)

4 Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)

5 Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. (Refrain)

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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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. Amen.

*HYMN #765

"May the God of Hope Go With Us"

(sing twice)

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Hunter Steinitz, guest pastor | Elder Rhonda Apossos, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
John Foster, videographer

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

While Allegheny County is in the high transmission rate for COVID-19, the Worship Committee has established safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending and leading 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!

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT Hunter Steinitz as guest pastor.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will return to rehearsals and join in worship as we end our Omicron-prompted music ministry pause beginning **March 6, the first Sunday in Lent.** The Emerging Worship Ensemble will return on March 20. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we prioritized the health and safety of our most vulnerable members. We look forward to a meaningful Lenten season full of rich musical offerings by our singers and instrumentalists.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: 7:00PM at <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>
No password is needed. Email Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew in sanctuary and blue bin at side vestibule entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

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, February 14

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

Tuesday, February 15

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)

Wednesday, February 16

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00PM PNC Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, February 17

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

Friday, February 18

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, February 19

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, February 20

11:00AM Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 20 - Heather Henkel preaching

February 27 - Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday,
Heather Henkel preaching

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00PM, led by Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower

March 6 - First Sunday in Lent, Sanctuary Choir returns to worship

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



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



*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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- : It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers.
- : It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives.
- : It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.
- : It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

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