



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



**LOVE GOD**  
EACH OTHER  
**OUR NEIGHBORS**



**Sunday Morning Emerging Worship at Eleven O'clock**  
**Transfiguration Sunday – February 19, 2023**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*\* We invite you to rise in body or in spirit where there are asterisks \**

*We invite you to read all **bold** words aloud with the community*

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

In his farewell to his congregation,  
Peter tells his people that as long as he's alive  
he'll keep reminding them of the stories of Jesus:  
**"For he received honor and glory from God  
when that voice was conveyed to him by the  
Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased.'"**

*We start services with a "Call to Worship" to establish the context for worship as an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.*

Let us tell each other the stories of Jesus again today  
as we worship in joy and hope.  
**It is good for us to be here.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy One, speak your word into our hearts this day, that it may kindle a light in us.  
May this time of worship allow us to shelter and tend the flame of your word,  
that it may arise as a morning star in our hearts.  
Speak to us again and again, that we may hear your voice calling out, "Beloved." **Amen.**

**\*SONG**

"Great is the Lord"

Great is the Lord: he is holy and just;  
By his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord: he is faithful and true;  
By his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now life up your voice,  
Now life up your voice: great is the Lord!  
Great is the Lord!

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;  
by your power we trust in your love.  
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;  
by your mercy you prove you are love.  
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!  
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice;  
we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!  
Great are you, Lord!

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

People of God, in the covenant of baptism  
we are claimed in Christ and called to be saints.

Therefore, with faith and confidence  
let us confess our sin and ask for God's grace,  
calling on the name of our Savior and Lord.

*We turn from communal praise to corporate confession, not for shame nor in guilt, but to wrestle honestly with the impact we have on each other. We do so with the knowledge of God's grace for all people.*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Holy One, in your presence, we confess our captivity to sin  
and our resistance to your way.**

**You have chosen what is foolish to shame the wisdom of this world,  
but we boast in our knowledge and ignore the insights of others.**

**You have chosen what is weak to shame the powers of this world,  
but we boast in our strength and refuse the gifts of others.**

**You have chosen what is despised to shame the values of this world,  
but we boast in our merits and reject the worth of others.**

**Forgive us, Holy One.**

**Renew and reshape our lives with the message of the cross.**

**Teach us to boast in nothing but the crucified and risen one:  
Jesus the Christ, our Lord.**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ is the wisdom of God. Christ is the power of God. Christ is the glory of God.  
In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another:

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)*

### **\*RESPONSE**

"We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven, we are forgiven:

thanks be to God; thanks be to God!

We are forgiven, we are forgiven: t

hanks be to God; thanks be to God! (repeat)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send your Spirit, O God,  
to search us and teach us.  
Help us to understand  
the wisdom of your way.  
Give us the mind of Christ—  
by whose gracious word we live  
and in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

*We read Scripture when we gather because we dare to believe that God continues to speak to us through it. Reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

NRSVUE

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Lectio Divina  
As we read these passages, allow your mind to focus on one sentence or word—you don't need to comprehend it all! How might the Spirit be speaking to you today through these ancient words? What questions do you have?*

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

### PSALM 99 (responsive)

BCW

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

**The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; you have executed  
justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD;**

*Coming to us from the worship of ancient Judaism, the psalms have been at the heart of Christian prayer and praise across the centuries. Throughout its history, the Reformed tradition has given a special place to singing the psalms in worship. The Psalm is not intended as a reading but a response to the first reading.*

**they called upon you, and you answered them,**  
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.  
**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them,**  
**yet punished them for their evil deeds.**  
**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;**  
**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

Holy God, you are exalted over all the nations and just in all your ways. Strengthen us to worship you with our deeds and to proclaim your greatness with our lips, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me, it looked so shine,  
I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven and runs right back. (Refrain)

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

NRSVUE

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

## MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

### \*SONG

"Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground. (repeat)

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments.  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God's light goes before us.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

#### SONG

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.

From generation to generation, you have cared for your people.

You bless the poor in spirit with the kingdom of heaven.

You bless those who mourn with your comfort and peace.

You bless the meek and lowly with the inheritance of the earth.

Therefore, with joy and gladness we join with all the saints in singing thanks and praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O God, redeemer of the world.

Into this life of sin and sorrow you sent Jesus the Christ to save us.

He blesses those who hunger and thirst with righteousness.

He blesses those who are merciful with your abundant mercy.

He blesses the pure in heart with the revelation of your glory.

Therefore, with joy and gladness we offer ourselves to you as we share this sacred meal.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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Blessed are you, O God, sustainer and source of all life.  
On your people and in this meal you pour out your Holy Spirit.  
Now bless the peacemakers with the name "children of God."  
Now bless those who are persecuted with the reward of the righteous.  
Now bless all who suffer evil with the welcome of your eternal realm.  
Then with joy and gladness we will glorify you together, on God, forever and ever.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray,  
in the languages closest to our hearts, the prayer Jesus taught, saying:

**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.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

### ***All are welcome at Christ's table.***

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup,  
regardless of their age or understanding.*

*The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ  
is not a right bestowed upon the worthy,  
but a privilege given to the undeserving who come  
in faith, repentance, and love.*

*Even those who doubt may come to the table  
in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.*

Grape juice is provided instead of wine out of respect for those striving  
to live in recovery. Gluten-Free wafers are available by asking.

*Please come down the center aisle to receive the elements and partake,  
then deposit your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew  
as you return to your seat.*

## **COMMUNION SONG**

### **"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;

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.

*The many-faceted meaning of this sacrament is seen in the names given to it. The title Lord's Supper recalls Jesus' institution of the sacrament with his disciples. Eucharist (thanksgiving) reminds us that we receive all of the benefits of God's grace with joy. Holy Communion reminds us that in this sacrament we are made one with Christ and with each other. The Breaking of the Bread describes the sacramental action by which Christ is known to his disciples.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, at this table  
you have blessed us with your presence.  
Now send us forth in your Spirit  
to be a blessing in the world;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*SONG**

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

### **BLESSING & CHARGE**

*After the Postlude, we invite you to join us in the Gathering Place for coffee hour!*

### **POSTLUDE**

*Please be seated as we partake in a time of contemplation.*

### **SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

*Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Morning Service;  
we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.*

*In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.*



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**Participants in this worship service:**  
**Rev. Jason Dauer**, pastor | **Deacon Rick Masten**, liturgist  
**Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Emerging Worship Ensemble**  
**John Foster**, videographer

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# Welcome

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. Please place this card in the offering plate either during or after the service.

DEACON MEETING will take place today after worship in the Lounge.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

OUR TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP continues to meet each Tuesday at 10:00AM at the Apossos home, three blocks from the church, 361 Maple Avenue, reading "Man Seeks God" by Eric Weiner. Drop by for conversation and coffee!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: Join us this Wednesday, February 22 for a service of communion and imposition of ashes in the Sanctuary at 7:00PM.

PER CAPITA REMINDER - Our 2023 per capita donation is \$35.70. This is the amount of support, per member, that our Congregation remits to the Presbytery. This allows us to support the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Thank you!

ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: What does it mean to be Presbyterian? Who is Jesus? What is the Church? How do we live together? Starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, join us after our worship service to discuss these questions together. Everyone is welcome, but if you are considering taking the next steps in your faith journey, you are especially invited. See Pastor Jason if you have any questions!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR. Jason will be at Biddle's Escape each Wednesday, starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 AM – 12 PM. You are always welcome to drop by the church or call the office, but this time will specifically be set aside to talk about whatever you'd like! This is a chance to catch up, share ideas about the church, ask questions about the Bible, or talk about the latest movie you saw! You're also welcome to set up another time using Calendly: [www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer](http://www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer)



## Upcoming Musical Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 AT 7:30PM

### ESO presents "Serenata Nocturna"

Katz Performing Arts Center, Jewish Community Center  
Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill

Experience the stirring Latin sounds of Emmanuel Chabrier, Manuel De Falla, Jose Pablo Moncayo, Astor Piazzolla, and Alberto Ginastera. This zesty program features bandoneon soloist Alejandro Pinzon and mezzo-soprano Amanda Russo Stante. Tickets available at [edgewoodsymphony.org](http://edgewoodsymphony.org).

SUNDAY,  
MARCH 26, 2023  
AT 4:00PM

### Munhall Community Band Spring Concert

MCB returns to FPCE for their next concert featuring music from Carmen, The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly, The Beatles, and more! Special guest conductor Dr. Yugo Ikach of the Washington Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are free, with a \$5 suggested donation. Reserve your seat today!

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MARCH 26, 2023

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room, CE=CE Office,  
GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study, S=Sanctuary,  
Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

### Today, Sunday, February 19

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)  
12:00PM Deacon Meeting (L)  
12:15PM Staff Meeting (PS)

### Monday, February 20 (office closed)

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

### Tuesday, February 21

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

### Ash Wednesday, February 22

**7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)**

### Thursday, February 23

No Flute Lessons  
7:00PM SAA (L)  
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

### Friday, February 24

No Flute Lessons  
8:30PM AA (SR)

### Saturday, February 25

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Next Sunday, February 26

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

## How can you become involved?

As we 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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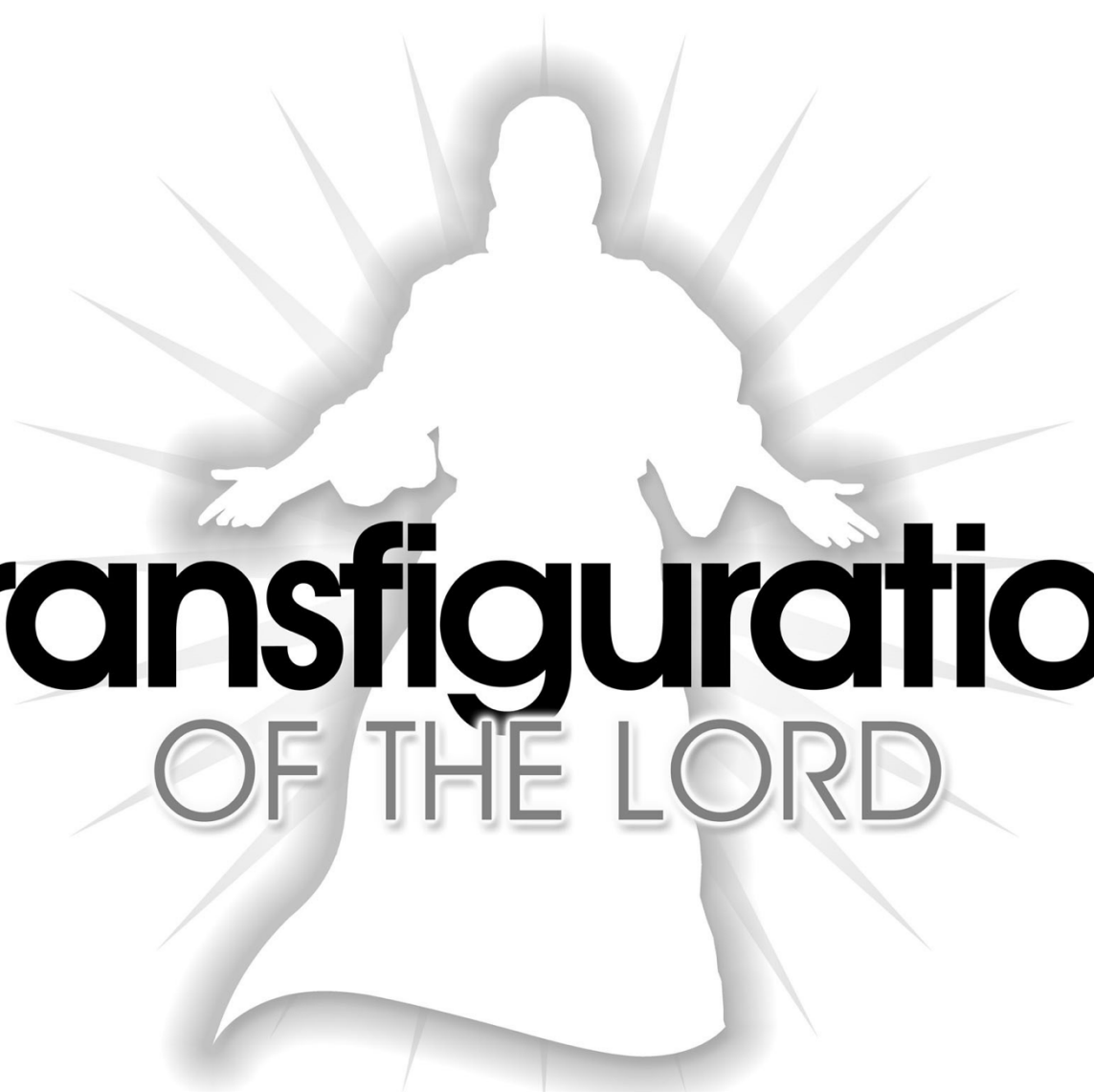


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our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
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