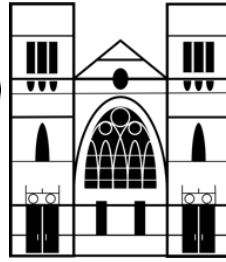




First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
 The Community Church



Lent 
 A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Sunday Morning Worship at Eleven O'clock

INCORPORATING ELEMENTS FROM THE TAIZÉ AND IONA COMMUNITIES

1st Sunday in Lent – February 26, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CENTERING

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

*OPENING SONG #414

"Be Still and Know"



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

LENTEN CROSS DIMINISHING LIGHTS

HYMN #678

"Our Darkness is Never Darkness in Your Sight"



CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember the words of the psalmist to the people of God:
Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered by the grace of God.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

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)

**O Lord our God, you created us and called us good.
You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided everything we might need.
Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our own desires.
We sin against you, disobeying your commandments.
We sin against others, causing sorrow and suffering.
We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are made in your image.**

**Forgive us, O Lord our God.
Deliver us from sin and death, strengthen us by your faithfulness,
and cover us with your righteousness,
that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, believe the good news: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

"Give to Us Your Peace"

Musical notation for the response "Give to Us Your Peace". The notation is in common time (C) and consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ." The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, help us seek you and the message you intend for us today.
Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures.
Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed today.
Amen.

RESPONSE

"The Lord is My Light"

Musical notation for the response "The Lord is My Light". The notation is in 4/4 time and consists of a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in God I trust, in God I trust." The melody is simple and homophonic, with a clear emphasis on the words "in God I trust".

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

QUIET MEDITATION AND REFLECTION *(lasting ~3 minutes)*

Silence means leaving to God what is beyond my reach and capacity.

A moment of silence, even very short, is like a holy stop, a sabbatical rest, a truce of worries.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

*'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

*'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

*'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'*

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

***HYMN #90**

"Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system also has a treble and bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a vocal line that is mostly chordal and includes some melodic movement.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"Lenten Creed" from *Patmos Abbey, the Celtic Order of St. Columba*

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #471

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. O

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O". The second system also has a treble and bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are "Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. O". The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a vocal line that is mostly chordal and includes some melodic movement.

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CANDLE-LIGHTING

As the choir sings, those who wish may come forward to offer individual prayers by lighting a candle. Feel free to join in singing or silently reflect in prayer and meditation.

You are also invited to come forward to remember your baptism.

If you have a financial gift, you may place it in the offering plate at the front during this time.

Those wishing to make offerings by electronic transfer may use this QR code or go to fpcedgewood.org/donate



HYMN

"Kindle a Flame"

Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and take all fear a - way. —

HYMN #820

"Nothing Can Trouble"

Noth - ing can trou - ble; noth - ing can fright - en.

1. Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. 2. God a - lone fills us.

HYMN #204

"Stay With Me"

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray, — watch and pray.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #544**

"Bless the Lord"

Musical score for the hymn "Bless the Lord" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

***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.

Participants in this worship service:

Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor | **Mandy Rineer**, liturgist

Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Sanctuary Choir**

John Foster, videographer

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or audio only on our SoundCloud channel at www.soundcloud.com/fpcedgewood



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.

ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: What does it mean to be Presbyterian? Who is Jesus? What is the Church? How do we live together? Starting today(!), join us after our worship in the Lounge 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!

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. They are just starting their new book, "Man Seeks God" by Eric Weiner. Drop by for conversation and coffee!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY is led by Elder Tim Hoffman discussing what the Bible says about itself, Jesus, devil, angels, heaven, prophecy, and more! Zoom link is available on the website and in the weekly email updates. No password is needed, just the link. Tim will let you in from the waiting room as you join. Come and join the discussion on Wednesday nights at 7:30PM online! Questions? Shoot an email to Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com.

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!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR. Jason will be at Biddle's Escape each Wednesday, starting March 1st, 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

**LOVE GOD
EACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**

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 26

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)
12:15PM Membership Class (L)

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

8AM-Noon Coffee with the Pastor (Biddle's)
7:30PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

8:30PM AA (SR)

Next Sunday, March 5

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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Ministers..... 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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