



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship Transfiguration of the Lord – February 27, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

People tremble and a tremor runs through the whole earth
when confronted with the great and majestic power of God.

We praise God's great and holy name.

God's love for the world is revealed in acts of justice and righteousness.

We bow down before God's holy presence.

God heard and answered the cries of Moses and Aaron and Samuel,
who experienced God's righteousness as both judgment and grace.

**God's word of judgment and grace comes to us still,
not in a pillar of cloud, but through the person of Jesus Christ.**

We praise God for the Word made flesh present among us, full of grace and truth.

*HYMN #66

"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.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

(Refrain)

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.

(Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen. (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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
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

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! ² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! ⁴ Mighty King lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹ Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

ANTHEM

“Holy Ground”

Geron Davis

In his presence there is joy beyond measure
And at his feet peace of mind can still be found
And if you have a need I know he has every answer
You’ve got to reach out and claim it for you are standing on 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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON

“A Mountaintop Experience”

Heather Henkel

*HYMN #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.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #192**

“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)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Heather Henkel, guest pastor | Elder Jim Segedy, 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!

THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME back to our pulpit Heather Henkel as guest pastor.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this week, March 2, 2022. The official beginning of the Lenten season will be observed in worship at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower will lead us in a service that includes Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. Please join us as we begin our journey to the cross together.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will return to rehearsals and join in worship 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.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "The Scrolls from the Dead Sea" by Edmund Wilson, 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 the sanctuary and blue bin at the side transept entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

UPCOMING LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 2 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00PM, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
- March 6 – First Sunday in Lent, Taizé Prayer Service, Choir returns
- March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent, Communion, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
- March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent, Emerging Worship
- March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
- April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent, Communion, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
- April 10 – Palm/Passion Sunday Readers' Theater Service
- April 14 – Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service, 7:00PM, Rev. Bob Ruefle 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, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, March 6

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Taizé Lenten 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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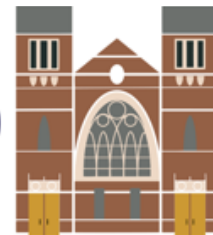
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Ministers

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.*



ESO
EDGEWOOD
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WALTER MORALES, MUSIC DIRECTOR
DEMAREUS COOPER, GUEST ARTIST

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7:30 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDGEWOOD



edgewoodsymphony.org

Join us for our next performance on Saturday March 12 at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

Say goodbye to winter with a fun and spirited performance of Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, narrated by renowned mezzo-soprano Demareus Cooper. Prokofiev's classic features the first combined performance of ESO strings and woodwinds since December 2019.

Then our brass section will shine through Paul Dukas' *Fanfare pour précéder la Péri*, Humperdinck's *Abendsegen & Pantomime* from *Hansel & Gretel*, the Premiere of ESO's own Justin Miller's *Strife*, and an arrangement of Shostakovich's Suite from "The Gadfly."

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at edgewoodsymphony.org

