

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Scout Sunday – February 6, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

God asks, "Whom shall I send?"

Here I am.

Jesus says, "Follow me and share in my work."

Here I am.

The Holy Spirit gathers each one of us for worship.

Here we are to worship God.

Let us pray:

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises.

Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning
 our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO CONFESSION

I am handing on to you as of first importance what I in turn have received: that Christ died for our sins. Trusting in the promise of the gospel, let us make our confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ. (Silent Confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Not even death can separate us from God's love. This is good news! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*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.

SCOUT RECOGNITION

"On My Honor"

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (*Psalm 25:10*)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritance. (Psalm 33:12)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (*Proverbs 3:1-2*)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

(*I Corinthians 3:16-17*)

Scouts: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (*Proverbs 4:5*)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

Scouts: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Let us pray for Scouts, for Scouters, and for all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Because we have failed in the trust others placed in us,

we pray for forgiveness and for renewal to be trustworthy.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For strength to be loyal to our calling in baptism as his disciples in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that need by,

when we failed to ask if we could be helpful to a friend or a stranger.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For the spirit to be friendly to all people and even to those who are unfriendly to us.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For the gift of courtesy to all people but especially to the elderly,

the disabled, and little children. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For a heart that rejoices in being kind to people, to animals,

and to earth on which we live. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For the will to discipline ourselves to be obedient to the will of our God,

and not to our selfish desires. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For a cheerful spirit to see us through disappointing events in our lives,

for a faith that believes God will bring some good even from events that cause us pain and sadness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For an appreciation that all that we have is the gift of our gracious God,

for a mind and a heart that will be thrifty in managing the resources God has

entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the courage not to be afraid of doing what is right and to be brave in working for justice.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the will to work to keep clean our minds, our hearts, and our land.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the gift of reverence for God who values all that he has created; for reverence for people, for animal life, for the earth and all its resources—all precious in God's sight.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all the people and all the needs we bring before you in our prayers, trusting in your mercy, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. **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 Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I;

*HYMN #69

send me!"

"Here I Am, Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,I have heard my people cry.All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.I, who made the stars of night,I will make their darkness bright.Who will bear my light to them?Whom shall I send?

I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the

Luke 5:1-11

fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON Keith Kondrich

*HYMN #721

Refrain

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me: (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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of this church, a portion of all that you have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time and abilities in your work of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news. Bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our talents and treasure. Amen.

*HYMN #649

"Amazing Grace"

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,I have already come.'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Deacon Keith Kondrich, guest pastor | Scout Leader Charlie Huse, 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 Keith Kondrich as guest pastor for Scout Sunday today. Ordained a permanent Deacon for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2011, Keith provides sacramental ministry to Saint Joseph the Worker Parish serving Braddock, Forest Hills, Rankin, and Swissvale. He is also assigned as a chaplain to the Allegheny County Jail where he provides pastoral care to our incarcerated sisters and brothers. He works full-time as the Aftercare Director for Foundation of HOPE, a local interfaith nonprofit organization helping formerly incarcerated men and women successfully re-enter their communities and reconnect with their families. He has been involved as a leader with Boy Scout Troop 23 (Edgewood) for over 15 years, where all three of his sons earned the rank of Eagle Scout. In April of 2018, Keith was recognized as a Plum High School Distinguished Alumni for his 30+ year career in social services and Christian ministry. Keith and his wife, Helen Laffey, have 4 children, Wilson, Lily, Teddy, and Tommy, ranging in age from 19 to 28. They love to play board games, visit historical sites and museums, attend rock-and-roll shows, and build sand castles at the beach.

MUSIC MINISTRY PAUSE. Due to the surge in COVID cases related to the Omicron variant in Allegheny County and for the safety of all, the Sanctuary Choir and Emerging Worship Ensemble will not meet for rehearsals or participate in our worship services for the next several weeks. We will revert back to having just Sunny and Shaun lead music in the weekly service. Once the transmission rate decreases and safety risks are lowered, we will resume our fuller worship participation

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join Elder Tim Hoffman for a weekly one-hour bible study discussing the stories of Elijah and Elisha held on Zoom at 7:00pm Wednesday nights. https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724 No password is needed. Just copy paste the link into your browser and load the page. You will be automatically placed into a waiting room then brought into the main room by the host and moderator, Tim Hoffman. Email HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

NEED A LIFT? The Session is aware that a few of our members are unable to drive themselves to worship and want to offer some assistance. If you could benefit from a ride to worship on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office. Likewise, if you can OFFER a ride to someone, please let us know!

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).

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 13 - Hunter Steinitz preaching February 20 - Heather Henkel preaching February 27 - Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday Heather Henkel preaching March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7PM

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 7

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, February 8

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)

7:00PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 9

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, February 10

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

Friday, February 11

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, February 12

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, February 13

11:00AM 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.