



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Emerging Worship Third Sunday in Lent – March 20, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Turn away from the calls of worldly success

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from greed and the race for power

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As we continue through the Lenten season, may we turn back to God

May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness.

May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.

*SONG

"Step by Step"

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Dear Lord, Thank you for your promise that where two or three are gathered you are there in the midst. Lord we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that you have lavished upon each of us. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus. Amen.

*SONG

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

PRAYER

RESPONSE #775

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name, Amen. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE**

"Lord, Be Glorified"

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

3 In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

***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 #518

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SONG**"Ho, All Who Thirst"**

Refrain:

Ho, all who thirst,
 come now to the water,
 and all whose souls are parched
 and weary, come and drink!
 Ho, all who thirst,
 come now to the water,
 and from your heart will flow
 a never-failing spring!

- 1 Why forsake the Lord,
 the fount of living water,
 choosing broken cups
 that cannot be filled? (Refrain)
- 2 For the Lamb will be
 our shepherd and will guide us
 to the wellsprings of
 the water of life. (Refrain)
- 3 All who come may take
 this gift of living water.
 They will thirst no more,
 for they shall be filled. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

SERMON**"Focus on Repentance"****Heather Henkel****SONG****"A Charge to Keep"**

- 1 There's a song that sounds, there's a call – resounds, Come and follow, hear my voice
 Leave the past behind One in heart and mind Move with God - in strength, in choice
 Know God's presence, life Live God's Spirit power, Be one people, clear in resolve
 There's a charge to keep, There's a light to shine, There's a story still to be told.
- 2 T'ward a promised land In God's grace, we'll stand, Tell God's story fresh in these times
 As the Spirit gives We've the tools to live as redeemed, enlivened by Christ.
 Charged to serve you well from the heart, pray tell Chosen people purposed in God
 We've a charge to keep We've a light to shine There's a story still to be told.
- 3 God you call us on by your living Word Grant us courage all to obey
 Purpose in our steps by your Spirit's breath Jesus' voice and heart for today
 Called to be your church As your face on earth Grow in Christ wherever we be
 We've a charge to keep We've a light to shine for the one who sets us all free
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SHARING 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

*SONG

"Go With God"

Go with God, go with God
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light every day
As you leave this place, go with God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Heather Henkel, guest pastor | Lorraine Douthett, liturgist | Sunny Sakai, pianist
The Emerging Worship Ensemble | John Foster, videographer

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

MARCH 2022 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES: Due to the CDC's updated version of tracking COVID community levels, Allegheny County is now Low. As a result, the Worship Committee has begun to slowly relax some of our guidelines for in-person worship:

- **Masks are now optional for all in attendance.** We will continue to have a supply of disposable masks at the entrances to the church for those who wish to wear one during services.
- **Please continue to social distance in the marked pews.**
- The choir will continue to mask during their hour-long rehearsal, but may choose to remove the mask during the performance of the anthem in worship.
- Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of passing the peace and sharing communion from our seats, as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change.

We will continue to monitor cases and transmission levels and will relax or strengthen this guidance as health and safety protocols dictate. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe. 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 BACK TO OUR PULPIT Heather Henkel as guest pastor this morning.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "The Scrolls from the Dead Sea" by Edmund Wilson, 10AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apeossos, 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.

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).

Join us for upcoming worship services:

- 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
- April 17 – Easter Sunday, Rev. Michael Rucker preaching, Communion
- April 24 – Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills 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, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, March 24

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

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

2:00PM Mindfulness Group (L)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, March 27

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
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



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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EASTER FLOWERS

We seek your help in making our sanctuary a place of graceful beauty and meaning on Easter morning. Through your donation, we can accomplish this:

I wish to contribute an Easter plant. Lily ____ Tulip ____ Daffodil ____ Hyacinth ____

The wording for the bulletin is:

___ In honor of _____

___ In memory of _____

Order placed by _____

Please check: ___ I would like to take the plant
 ___ I would like it to be planted in the Prayer Garden



The cost of each plant is \$9.00. Please send check (payable to FPCE or pay online at fpcedgewood.org/donate) with form and return it to the Church Office. Deadline is April 4, 2022.

