



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 27, 2022**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;  
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us worship this God who looks into the human heart  
and through Christ Jesus makes all things new.

**\*HYMN #774**

“There is Now a New Creation”

1 There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
peace and reconciliation  
with the God of endless life.

All is finished and forgiven;  
let us now be reconciled.

2 Call the lost and found together;  
tell the news to everyone:  
now the past is gone forever  
and a new life has begun.

4 Come and join the celebration;  
come and join this happy feast;  
Jesus makes an invitation  
to the greatest and the least.

3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome;  
run to greet the wayward child.

5 There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration,  
to the God of endless life!

**LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL**

**REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE FOURTH 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.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 32 says: Then I admitted my sin to you. I didn't cover up the wrong I had done. I said, "I will admit my lawless acts to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Let us come together and seek God's forgiveness.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

*based on Psalm 32*

**O God, when we keep silence about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt; we feel your hand upon us, and our strength dries up. And so, we acknowledge our sin to you, holding nothing back, for you are a hiding place for us; we trust in you to preserve us.**

**Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of hospitality toward strangers. Forgive us, Lord, for any ways that we make it difficult for new people to find comfortable space in our lives and circles, even church. Forgive us, Lord, for jealousy and infighting. Teach us, Lord, how to receive people whose sins haven't been made public. Teach us, Lord, how to make our circles large enough to include others. Teach us, Lord, how to love each other beyond any faults we may see. Hear us as we silently confess to you. (Silent Confession)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Siblings in Christ, God has heard our confession, as forgiven people, new creations, we are free to claim

**We are God's. God will find us. God will love us back to life. Amen!**

## \*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.)*

## SONG OF PRAISE

"Good Grace"

1 People, come together, strange as neighbors, our blood is one.

Children, of generations, of every nation, of kingdom come

*Chorus:*

Don't let your heart be troubled. Hold your head up high.

Don't fear no evil. Fix your eyes on this one truth: God is madly in love with you.

Take courage. Hold on. Be strong. Remember where our help comes from.

2 Jesus, our redemption, our salvation, is in His blood.

Jesus, Light of heaven, Friend forever, His kingdom come.

*Bridge:*

Swing wide, all you heavens. Let the praise go up, as the walls come down.

All creation, everything with breath, repeat the sound.

All God's children, clean hands, pure hearts, Good Grace, Good Good, His Name is Jesus

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 32:1-7

Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away. <sup>2</sup>You bless them by saying, "You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you." <sup>3</sup>Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. <sup>4</sup>Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me, and my strength was gone as in the summer heat. <sup>5</sup>So I confessed my sins and told them all to you. I said, "I'll tell the Lord each one of my sins." Then you forgave me and took away my guilt. <sup>6</sup>We worship you, Lord, and we should always pray whenever we find out that we have sinned. Then we won't be swept away by a raging flood. <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding place! You protect me from trouble and you put songs in my heart because you have saved me.

**ANTHEM**

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

arr. Emily Crocker

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we don't look at anyone the way the world does. At one time, we looked at Christ in that way. But we don't anymore. <sup>17</sup>When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God. He brought us back to himself through Christ's death on the cross. And he has given us the task of bringing others back to him through Christ. <sup>19</sup>God was bringing the world back to himself through Christ. He did not hold people's sins against them. God has trusted us with the message that people may be brought back to him. <sup>20</sup>So, we are Christ's official messengers. It is as if God were making his appeal through us. Here is what Christ wants us to beg you to do. Come back to God! <sup>21</sup>Christ didn't have any sin. But God made him become sin for us. So, we can be made right with God because of what Christ has done for us.

**SERMON****"A Whole New World"****Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower****\*HYMN #769****"For Everyone Born"**

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
(Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
(Refrain)

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,  
(Refrain)

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
(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

### \*HYMN #300

"We are One in the Spirit"

1 We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

2 We will walk with each other;  
we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other;

we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other;  
we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other;  
we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity  
and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus,  
God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one: (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### ***Participants in this worship service:***

Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower, guest pastor | Rick Masten, liturgist  
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir  
John Foster, videographer

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

MARCH 2022 UPDATED 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!

THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME back to our pulpit the Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower as guest pastor.

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](mailto:HoffmanTL@gmail.com) with questions.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew in the sanctuary and blue bin at the side vestibule entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent, Communion, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
- April 10 – Palm/Passion Sunday, Reader's Theater service
- April 14 – Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service, 7:00PM, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching
- April 17 – Easter Sunday, Communion, Rev. Michael Rucker preaching
- April 24 – First Sunday of Easter, 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 28

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

### Tuesday, March 29

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

### Wednesday, March 30

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

### Thursday, March 31

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

### Friday, April 1

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

### Saturday, April 2

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Next Sunday, April 3

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship/Communion (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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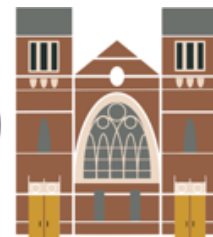
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**The Entire Congregation**



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](http://fpcedgewood.org/donate)) with form and return it to the Church Office. Deadline is April 4, 2022 .

