



First Presbyterian Church of  
**EDGEWOOD**  
The Community Church



*Lent*   
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



**Sunday Morning Worship at Eleven O'clock**  
**Second Sunday in Lent; "Celebration of Women" – March 5, 2023**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

I lift my eyes to the hills

**from where will my help come?**

My help comes from the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, as we gather here to worship in this place,  
assure us of your presence through the Holy Spirit,  
that we may be led to follow you this day and always.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #634**

"To God be the Glory"

1 To God be the glory;  
great things he has done!  
So loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory:  
great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us;  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see.  
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the people rejoice!

*\* 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*

*We start services with a "Call to  
Worship" to establish the context  
for worship as an encounter with  
the Holy One who calls all things  
into being.*

**LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL**

**RESPONSE**

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

from the Iona Community

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. sin of the world, grant us your peace.

**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.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another:

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*RESPONSE #402**

"How Lovely, Lord"

verse 1 only

How lovely, Lord, how lovely  
is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting,  
to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter,  
a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us  
within its walls to rest.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord.  
Shape us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit,  
that these dry bones may rise and live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Message

God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you.

I'll make you a great nation  
and bless you.  
I'll make you famous;  
you'll be a blessing.  
I'll bless those who bless you;  
those who curse you I'll curse.  
All the families of the Earth  
will be blessed through you."

*We read Scripture when we gather because we dare to believe that God continues to speak to us through it. Reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.*

So Abram left just as God said, and Lot left with him.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

### PSALM 121 (responsive)

*Adapted*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where will my help come?

**My help shall come from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He does not let your foot stumble.

The one who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**God, the keeper of Israel,  
does not slumber nor does God sleep.**

The Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**By day, the sun shall not strike you,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will protect you from all evil,  
God guards your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and coming in,  
now and forevermore.**

*Coming to us from the worship of ancient Judaism, the psalms have been at the heart of Christian prayer and praise across the centuries. Throughout its history, the Reformed tradition has given a special place to singing the psalms in worship. The Psalm is not intended as a reading but a response to the first reading.*

O God, maker of heaven and earth, you help us in times of distress and watch over us day and night. Hold us securely in your mercy, that in the midst of fear and danger we may depend on you, our sure deliverer; through Christ we pray, Amen.

### ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

## GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

NRSVue

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

"Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

"No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

## MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

### \*HYMN #292

#### "As the Wind Song"

1 As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known  
where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

2 As the rainbow after rain,  
as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new,  
making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

## **\*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**

### **A LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION**

*from the Presbyterian Mission Agency*

One: Today we celebrate the blessing of God calling women at all stages in life, from diverse ages, languages, cultures, races, backgrounds and in all circumstances. We celebrate God's gifts bestowed upon us, a variety of gifts and services for the common good "activated by one and the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:11). We are grateful...

One: For women of all ages who serve God and neighbor in committees and on boards, as members, elders and deacons, as mid-council leaders and beyond. For young women, tweens and teens who serve in manifold ways and for the advisors who mentor, listen and hold space for their growth in wisdom and grace. For nominating committees that recognize potential and promise, hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in all voices, regardless of age.

**All: We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

One: For women who work toward a more just world, one free of biases, discrimination, food insecurity and poverty.

For women entrepreneurs, homemakers, students and volunteers who partner and lead, who sit on decision-making boards, who head micro-enterprises, small businesses, nonprofits, corporations, churches and ecclesiastical bodies.

**All: We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

One: For congregations, faith-based organizations and women's rights organizations advocating for and empowering women and girls.

For those who work in refugee camps and border ministries.

For those who work in helplines and call centers, who provide healthcare and counseling, pastoral care and accompaniment to women and families.

For those who offer welcome, affirmation, safety and care.

**All: We give thanks to God for your service and love in action!**

One: For foremothers, trailblazers, role models, mentors, activists, educators, reformers, innovators, peacemakers, motivators, advocates, coaches and preachers.

**All: We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

One: We celebrate you and we celebrate the blessing of God's call! We give thanks for the gifts this rich diversity brings to building God's kin-dom. We pray in gratitude and joy, magnifying God for God's favor!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

#### RESPONSE #527

"Eat This Bread"

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

*Those wishing to make offerings by electronic transfer may use this QR code or go to [fpcedgewood.org/donate](http://fpcedgewood.org/donate)*



### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glory to you, O God...

...and betray the promise of our faith, you remain faithful in your love.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.  
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory to you, O God...

...we offer our lives to you, O God, with thanksgiving and praise.



Glory to you, O 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.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

***All are welcome at Christ's table.***

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age, understanding, or baptismal status. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.*

*Gluten-Free wafers are available by asking.*

*Please come down the center aisle to receive the elements and partake, then deposit your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat.*

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM "Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love"**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

**Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise.**

**At this covenant meal you have nourished us  
with your own body and blood.**

**Sustain us with your Spirit,  
and send us forth singing praise,  
until we feast with you again  
in the glory of your holy realm.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*HYMN #462**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*The many-faceted meaning of this sacrament is seen in the names given to it. The title Lord's Supper recalls Jesus' institution of the sacrament with his disciples. Eucharist (thanksgiving) reminds us that we receive all of the benefits of God's grace with joy. Holy Communion reminds us that in this sacrament we are made one with Christ and with each other. The Breaking of the Bread describes the sacramental action by which Christ is known to his disciples.*

2 I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

## **BLESSING & CHARGE**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Please be seated as we partake in a time of contemplation.  
When the music ends, we invite you to join us in the Gathering Place for coffee hour!*

### **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.*

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

**Rev. Jason Dauer**, pastor | **Elder Scott Leatherbery**, liturgist  
**Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist | **The Sanctuary Choir**  
**John Foster**, videographer

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**LOVE GOD  
EACH OTHER  
OUR NEIGHBORS**



# Welcome

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

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? Join us in the Lounge after our worship 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 Apessos 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer)

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY has several opportunities to volunteer for various projects in the area, including their weekly mobile pantry distribution. Visit <https://app.involvemint.io/projects> to find out more information or scan the QR code to the right.



THE EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY, led by Walter Morales, will be performing an exciting concert on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Katz Auditorium of the JCC in Squirrel Hill. Experience the stirring Latin sounds of Emmanuel Chabrier, Manuel De Falla, Jose Pablo Moncayo, Astor Piazzolla, and Alberto Ginastera. This zesty program features bandoneon soloist Alejandro Pinzon and mezzo-soprano Amanda Russo Stante. Learn more and purchase tickets at [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).

## 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, March 5

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

### Monday, March 6

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

### Tuesday, March 7

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

### Wednesday, March 8

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

### Thursday, March 9

2:00PM Writing Class (L)  
3:45PM Flute Lesson (S)  
7:00PM SAA (L)  
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

### Friday, March 10

4:15PM Flute Lesson (S)  
8:30PM AA (SR)

### Saturday, March 11

7:30PM ESO Concert (JCC)  
8:30PM AA (SR)

### Next Sunday, March 12

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship (S), Youth Sunday School (GP)  
12:00PM Fellowship (GP)  
12:30PM Galina Istomin Recital (S)

## 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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*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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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF WALTER SPOSKOSKI, JR AND AMANDA RINEER  
SPECIAL GUEST DR. YUGO IKACH OF THE WASHINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

