



## First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship

25th Sunday after Pentecost, Stewardship Sunday – November 14, 2021

\*All who are able, please stand.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

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

Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David  
and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

**Let us worship our Savior with songs of praise and thanksgiving.**

God has blessed us in Christ, destined us to be children of God,  
and sealed us in with the Holy Spirit!

**Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Lord of the dance, creator of whirling winds and shimmering flames,  
move in us this day. Breathe life into our songs of praise.**

**Set our hearts ablaze to your word. May our worship bring joy to you, Lord.**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

1 From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sound all voices raise

and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
3 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God, who made me in Your image, teach me to love myself as You love me.**

**God, who made me in Your image, allow me to show that image to the world.**

**God, who made me in Your image, help me to see Your image in all those I meet.**

**God, who made me in Your image, teach me to conserve and protect all Your creation.**

**God, who made me in Your image, bless, protect, and keep me and all Your children safe.**

(Silent Confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The One who breathed life into our lungs continues to be present with us.

God, who has made us reflective of God's own image,

has forgiven us all and made us new creations. Therefore, since our sins are forgiven,

let us go forth with love and peace, honoring and upholding the dignity of all we meet,

knowing we see reflections of God's image all around.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*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. (*sing 3 times*)

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.*)

## **ANTHEM**

"Sanna, Sannanina"

Hymn #597

(*sung in Swahili and English*)

Holy, most Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light.

O blessed is the One, the One who comes, comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, sanna, sanna, sanna.

## **SCRIPTURE**

2 Samuel 6:1-19

(Robert Alter)

<sup>1</sup> And David gathered again all the picked men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>And David arose and went, and all the troops who were with him, to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the Ark of God, over which the name of the Lord of Armies enthroned on the cherubim is called. <sup>3</sup>And they mounted the Ark of God on a new cart and carried it off from the house of Abinadab, which is on the Hill, and Uzza and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the cart, <sup>4</sup>and Ahio was walking before the Ark. <sup>5</sup>And David and the whole house of Israel were playing before the Lord with all their might in song on lyres and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>And they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, and Uzza reached out to the Ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen had slipped. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord's wrath flared up against Uzza, and God struck him down there for reaching out his hand to the Ark, and

he died there by the Ark of God. <sup>8</sup>And David was incensed because the Lord had burst out against Uzza. And that place has been called Perez-Uzza to this day. <sup>9</sup>And David was afraid of the Lord on that day and he said, "How can the Ark of the Lord come to me?" <sup>10</sup>And David did not want to remove the Ark of the Lord to himself in the City of David, and David had it turned aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup>And the Ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom three months and the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and all his house.

<sup>12</sup>And it was told to King David, saying, "The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he has on account of the Ark of God." And David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

<sup>13</sup>And it happened when the bearers of the Ark of the Lord had taken six steps that he sacrificed a fatted bull. <sup>14</sup>And David was whirling with all his might before the Lord, girt in a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>And David and the whole house of Israel were bringing up the Ark of the Lord in shouts and with the sound of the ram's horn.

<sup>16</sup>And as the Ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, daughter of Saul, looked out through the window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord, and she scorned him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup>And they brought the Ark of the Lord and set it up in its place within the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered up burnt offerings before the Lord and well-being sacrifices. <sup>18</sup>And David finished offering up the burnt offerings and the well-being sacrifices, and he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Hosts. <sup>19</sup>And he shared out to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, every man and woman, one loaf of bread and one date cake and one raisin cake, and every one of the people went to his home.

## **SERMON**

### **"Coming Home"**

**Jason Dauer**

## **\*HYMN #175**

### **"Seek Ye First"**

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

## **SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK**

### **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.**

## **MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & INVITATION TO GIVE**

Elder Rhonda Apessos

**RESPONSE #710**

"We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
 we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an offering.  
 Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;  
 Lord, use our lives; they are yours:  
 we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
 all that we hope to be,  
 we give to you, we give to you.  
 We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
 we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an offering; we are an offering.

**LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts:  
 air and water, family and friends, your steadfast love and forgiveness,  
 and your son, Jesus the Christ.

For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us...

**We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.**

O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us.

We are concerned about all your children,  
 those who live near us and those who live far away.

We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church  
 and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

As we contemplate the mission before us...

**We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility,  
 and we pledge to witness to the good news of Christ  
 with our hearts and hands and voices.**

Confident in your love and care for us...

**We gladly yield to you our life, our time, our talents,  
 and our financial resources.**

To God be the glory!

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*HYMN #853**

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

1 We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, Oh, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, Oh, we are marching in the light of God.

2 We are dancing . . .

3 We are praying . . .

4 We are singing . . .

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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### Participants in this worship service:

Jason Dauer, guest pastor | Elder Marcia Haley, liturgist | Elder Rhonda Apessos, stewardship chair  
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Tyler McGuigan, song leader | The Sanctuary Choir  
John Foster, videographer

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

AUGUST 5, 2021 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, and in response to Allegheny County moving from the moderate to substantial transmission rate, the Worship Committee has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending 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.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME to the pulpit Jason Bauer as our guest preacher. Jason (M.Div., PTS 2021) is a Candidate for ordination under the Pittsburgh Presbytery. He is part of the 1001 New Worshiping Community movement, working to form a new faith community in the East End of Pittsburgh. He also works at Wexford Community Presbyterian Church as the Office and Communications Coordinator. From church polity to cookouts and stained glass, Jason loves the Church, and he hopes to create spaces for all people to experience Christ's love.

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!

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. We encourage you to place your estimate of giving cards in the collection plate and join us in dedicating them during the litany at the close of worship.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING...following worship today in the Gathering Place.

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wyngate, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join Elder Tim Hoffman for a weekly one-hour bible study on the life of Joseph 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](mailto:HoffmanTL@gmail.com) with questions.

NOMINATIONS are being accepted for Board of Deacons and Session. At least 4 slots need to be filled for the Deacons and at least 1 for Session. If you have never served on one of these boards and have new ideas or energy or have a nominee in mind, please contact Tim Hoffman at [hoffmantl@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmantl@gmail.com) or call the Church Office.

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).

HANGING OF THE GREENS...yes, already! Immediately following worship next Sunday, November 21, please stay to help us prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season that begins the following week. We'll bring out the tree, garland, aisle candles, window wreaths, nativity set, and Advent wreath. Many hands make light work, so please consider giving an extra hour to join in the beginning of the upcoming holiday season!

MARS HOME FOR YOUTH is seeking donations for their 2021 holiday drive to assist the boys and girls with having a more rewarding Christmas. A full list of items that can be purchased is attached as a full-page flyer. *\*All Donations Need to be Received by December 6th\** Shop online and ship gifts directly to: MHY Family Services "HOLIDAY PROGRAM" 521 Route 228 Mars, PA 16046

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

November 21 – Christ the King Sunday Emerging Worship, Heather Henkel preaching

November 28 – First Sunday of Advent, Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent, Communion

December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent, Reception of New Members, Congregational Meeting

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Emerging Worship

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion, 8:00PM

December 26 – Service of Lessons & Carols

## 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, November 15

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

### Tuesday, November 16

10:00AM Book Club (AH)  
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)  
8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Wednesday, November 17

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

### Thursday, November 18

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

### Friday, November 19

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

### Saturday, November 20

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Next Sunday, November 21

9:30AM Worship Ensemble (S)  
11:00AM Emerging Worship (S)  
Youth Sunday School (GP)  
**12:15PM Hanging of the Greens**

## 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!

## OUR FPCE FAMILY

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**The Entire Congregation**



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**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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# MHY FAMILY SERVICES' CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

## Critical Needs

Twin Size Comforters & Sheets  
Big Bath Towels & Washcloths  
Body Wash & Deodorant  
Shampoo/Conditioner/2 in 1 Shampoo  
Multicultural Hair Products

## Personal Care Needs

New Duffle Bags & Backpacks  
Large Reusable Shopping Bags  
*(from TJ Maxx & Marshalls)*  
Plastic Reusable Water Bottles *(new)*  
Batteries (AA & AAA)  
Feminine Products  
Hair Brushes & Hair Picks  
Body Spray/Cologne Gift Sets  
Athletic Shoes  
\* *(Men sizes 6-13, Women sizes 6-11)*  
Sports Bras *(Adult sizes)*  
Boxer Briefs *(Men & Women sizes)*  
Socks & Underwear *(Adult sizes)*

## Gift Cards

Amazon  
Walmart  
Giant Eagle  
Target  
Aldi  
Chick-fil-A  
Dollar Tree  
Five Below  
Kohl's  
Michaels

## Arts & Crafts

Tie Dye & Jewelry Making Kits  
Gem Art & Paint by Number Kits  
Art Canvas without staples  
Acrylic & Pastel Paints and Brushes  
Kinetic Sand & Molding Clay  
Poster Boards & Markers  
Origami Books & Paper



## Electronics

MP3 Players  
Small Portable Speakers  
Alarm Clocks with Radios  
DVD's & 3D movies - G/PG/PG13  
Nintendo Switch & E games *(all ages)*  
Noise-cancelling Headphones & Earbuds

## Games & Other Fun

Legos *(all types)*  
New Stuffed Animals  
Squishies & Squishmallows  
Stress Balls & Fidget Spinners  
Push Pop Bubble Toys  
Thinking Putty & Play-Doh  
Young Adult Books  
Wall Stickers for Decor  
Puzzles, Board & Card Games  
Magic: The Gathering Cards  
Word Search & Crossword Games  
Candy & Holiday Treats

## Monetary Donations

To ensure MHY youth have all they need to support their individual, personal care and therapeutic needs, please consider a monetary gift. Giving is easy!



Simply visit [mhyfamilyservices.org](http://mhyfamilyservices.org)

*(or scan the QR code and go directly to our site) and make a secure on-line gift. Or make a check payable to "Mars Home for Youth Foundation."*

*All gifts will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible receipt.*



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\*Please include your name & address so we may acknowledge your gift!



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For questions or to schedule an appointment to drop off holiday gifts, please contact Karen Harvey at [kharvey@mhyfamilyservices.org](mailto:kharvey@mhyfamilyservices.org) or 724.625.3141 x 283.

Thank you for your kindness and for making our children feel so special this holiday season!