



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.

Morning Worship at Eleven O'Clock
125th Anniversary Celebration
Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2016

Gathering Around God's Word

*all who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

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THE TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we are God's people.

Enter God's house with thanksgiving and praise.

Thank God and bless God's holy name.

The Lord is good. God's love is steadfast and endures forever.

God's faithfulness knows no boundary, no end.

Praise the Lord!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

Holy God, in this time and place we prepare to meet you as your body, the church. We acknowledge you as our head. We anticipate your Spirit moving among us. We await your Word, knowing that through it our lives and loves will be reordered. Come to us in power to confront, convict and comfort, for we are your people and you are our God. Amen.

***HYMN #263**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins,

and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,

that with reverent and humble hearts

we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults,

confiding in your grace,

and finding in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG #626

“As the Deer”

GREETINGS FROM PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

the Rev. Dr. Beverly James

HONORING OUR 25+ & 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

*HYMN #306

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
(verse 1 only)

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Come, Spirit of God, come!

Alight upon us with truth and grace and power.

Burn away all that distracts us from hearing,
receiving and obeying your living Word.

Grant us faith and courage to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46

pew Bible OT, p. 517

ANTHEM

“Keep Your Lamps!”

arr. Andre Thomas

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-20

pew Bible NT, p. 200

SERMON

“*The Two Thousandth Anniversary of FPCE*”

Rev. Rucker

*HYMN #265

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Responding to God’s Word

STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

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And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606 “Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending God's Word into the World

*HYMN #268 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in e minor

Pachelbel

Participants in this morning's service:

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Beverly James, Associate Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery
Shaun Cloonan, Minister of Music
Sonomi Sakai, Organist & Pianist
The Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

OUR NURSERY for infants and toddlers is located at the end of the hall past the Lounge. The nursery is adult-staffed.

GREETING YOU and ushering are the following Deacons: Captain: Amy Moore.
Team: Ralph Bliss, Helen Ebken, Marilyn Lobert.

SEEKING PRAYER REQUESTS: In an attempt to gather more prayer requests, you are urged to write down your request. During the Passing of the Peace, place the request in a basket that will be located on the front pew or in the back of the sanctuary. Tear off the section below and print legibly.

THANK YOU to the planning team for putting together today's anniversary celebration and luncheon: Rhonda Apossos, Chris Apossos, Chris Baldwin, Shaun Cloonan, Lorraine Douthett, Marcia Haley, Sallie Monk, Amy Moore, Judy Mysels, and Pastor Michael. The luncheon is provided by Remo's Catering.

STOP BY THE LOUNGE after worship and before heading back to the Gathering Place for the luncheon. We have a display of memorabilia from the Edgewood and Wilksburg congregations. Additionally, a symbolism tour of the sanctuary and tour of the organ will take place immediately following worship.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. Join us on Wednesday night at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary as we give thanks for all that God has given us. The service is open to all in the community. Please join us and bring a friend.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: NEXT SUNDAY! Believe it or not, Advent begins next week, and that means it is time to spruce up our sanctuary for the holidays. Grab a cookie and coffee, then roll up your sleeves and help us hang garland, bows, wreaths, and more. Many hands make light work!

PRAYER REQUEST:

Thank You for Joining us for this Special Day!

Today, we honor the 125 years of rich history in the mission and ministry at Edgewood. Significantly, it is also the 150th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg, the congregation who joined to create the first successfully merged church in the Pittsburgh Presbytery in September 1983.

Several essays have been written regarding the histories of both congregations. On the occasion of the 55th anniversary at Edgewood, Mary Purdy penned a historical account of the founding of the congregation who first occupied the building that was on this property before the current building.

Twenty years later, Mrs. William H. Hamilton compiled and drafted a summary of the next portion of church life, adding to Ms. Purdy's essay. It was printed in the bulletin for the 75th anniversary worship service.

In 1991, as the congregation celebrated its centennial year, Mabel Holiday added the next quarter-century of history and compiled it all into yet another essay. A summary of this essay was printed in the 100th anniversary bulletin. And today, we have another few pages collected and composed by Shaun Cloonan. Copies of these essays are available on the coffee table in the Lounge, amidst all of the other historical artifacts and pieces of memorabilia.

Rhonda Apossos spent countless hours over the past several weeks researching and compiling, and has written an extensive history of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg. Copies of it can also be found alongside the other essays in the Lounge. We hope that these informative historical accounts provide insight into where we have been and how we have come to the place we are now in our shared life of ministry together.

Please make a point to go through the Lounge and peruse copies of old bulletins, church registers, photos from the 1920's and 30's, a collection of crosses we've used over the years from the Edgewood, Wilkinsburg, and Mulberry congregations, pictorial directories, and more.

Pastor Michael will also take those interested downstairs to the room formerly known as the Heritage Room to share a few words about a memorial plaque brought over from Wilkinsburg that has historical significance, and is even part of a book published about war heroes listed on the plaque.

And Shaun Cloonan will lead those interested on a tour of the sanctuary, discussing the symbolism of many items that we see every week, but may not realize why they were created in specific ways, or even what some of the pictures and carvings signify. This will start immediately following Sunny's organ postlude near the piano.

Finally, please join us for the celebratory luncheon in the Gathering Place at 12:30 (after the tours and walk through the Lounge). During the catered meal, Pastor Michael will share some remarks from former pastors and members, our longest member, Florence Pickels, will share a few memories, and we'll view some photos and a video greeting from Rev. Mike Wilson.

***Pastoral Staff of the Edgewood Presbyterian Church (1891-1983)
& the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood (1983—present)***

Earnest L. McCarthy, 1892-1896

William R. Farmer, 1896-1907

Duncan S. Cameron, 1908-1925

Ralph W. Lloyd, 1926-1930

Victor A. Rule, February-May 1932

Walter L. Moser, 1933-1959

Rev. C. C. Berryhill served as assistant pastor during
Dr. Moser's service as a chaplain in the National Guard

Gerald Hollingsworth, 1959-1989

Stewart B. Lawrence, Co-Pastor, 1983-1984

Scott L. Strohm, Associate Pastor, 1984-1989

Douglas W. Stevens, Jr., 1989-2002

June Taylor, Interim Associate Pastor, 1990

Walter E. Pietschmann, Associate Pastor, 1990-1994

Rebecca M. Hickok, Interim Pastor, 2002-2005

Michael S. Wilson, 2005-2012

Michael P. Rucker, (Interim 2012-14), 2014-present

Upcoming Events at FPCE

November 23—Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 27—Hanging of the Greens

December 3—Edgewood Symphony Concert

December 4—Communion

December 11—Taizé/Blue Christmas

December 18—Lessons & Carols w/
the North Hills Singers

December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

December 25—Christmas Day Service



Church Activities This Week

C=Choir Room; GP=Gathering Place; L=Lounge;
O=Office; PS=Pastor's Study; S=Sanctuary;
SC=Scout Room; SR=Social Room

Today, Sunday, November 20

12:15PM Symbolism Tour (S)
12:30PM Anniversary Luncheon (GP)

Tuesday, November 22

10:00AM Book Club (Apossos Home)
3:45PM FROGS (SR)
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Wednesday, November 23

7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Service (S)

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, November 26

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, November 27

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (C)
9:45AM Adult Class (L)
11:00AM Worship (S)
12:15PM Fellowship (L)
12:30PM Hanging of the Greens

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How can you become involved?

Our ministry teams, programs, and classes offer ways to be a part of the ministry and mission of FPCE throughout the week!

If you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God and faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving the senior citizens
- Working in publicity or 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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