



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship  
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**All Saints' Observance, 24th Sunday after Pentecost – November 7, 2021**

*Please pick up communion elements from the trays at the entrances to the sanctuary upon arrival,  
take to your seats, and partake when directed during the sacrament.*

\* All who are able, please stand

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

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

We gather to worship with the cloud of the faithful,  
to praise God with the saints of generations past.

**Let us worship the One who weeps with us, laughs with us,  
and offers us a promise of life everlasting.**

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM**

Psalm 127:1-5

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,

**eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

**Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.**

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.

**He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

**\*HYMN #326**

"For All the Saints"

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**O Christ, you praised the gift of the widow, who had so little and gave it all.  
Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our eyes away from people who are trapped in poverty.  
Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our resources into reasons for pride or greed.  
Forgive us, O Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us to follow in your way of  
generosity.** (silent confession)

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

##### **\*RESPONSE #582**

"Glory to God"

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.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**ANTHEM**

"At the River"

arr. John Goldsmith

**SCRIPTURE**

John 3:16

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.

**SERMON**

**"God So Loved"**

**The Rev. Gail E. Mason**

**\*HYMN #457**

"How Happy are the Saints of God"

*verses 1 & 2 only*

1 How happy are the saints of God  
who do not heed the wicked way;  
delighting in the holy Word  
they seek God's wisdom night and day.

2 Like deeply rooted trees, they stand  
beside an ever-flowing stream.  
Their fruit is plentiful and good;  
their leaves are always growing green.

**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.**

**BLESSING OF THE SAINTS**

For all the saints...  
Who birthed and nurtured,  
Mothers and fathers,  
Grandfathers and grandmothers,  
Aunts, uncles, cousins, friends,  
**We are grateful. Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all the saints...  
Who loved and cherished,  
Husbands, wives, partners,  
Friends and lovers,  
**We are grateful. Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all the saints...  
Who died too soon,  
Whose absence pains us still.  
We remember with tears,  
Aches in our hearts,  
**And yet, we are grateful. Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all the saints...  
Who taught and mentored,  
Teachers and spiritual directors,  
Older friends and younger prophets,

Guiding us, inspiring us,  
**We are grateful. Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all the saints...  
Who watch over us,  
Pray for us,  
Sit with us,  
Guide us,  
**We are grateful. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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*Silence*

### **SHARING THE NAMES OF THE SAINTS**

*After each name is read, we invite family members or a friend of theirs to come forward and light a candle. After the family members come forward, we invite anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one to come forward and light a candle as well.*

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| David Boyer     | Doris Hamilton       | Joanne Peterson |
| Kathy Clevenger | Virginia Harrity     | Bobby Soderberg |
| Helen Cloonan   | Edwin Masten         | Wilma Wadsworth |
| Carol Davidson  | Sandi Masten Cloonan |                 |
| Eleanor Elliott | Sallie Monk          |                 |

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS**

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you  
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,  
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses  
Where your name was lifted and adored.

**We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:  
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,  
Strong hands and those gnarled with age  
Holy hands**

**Used as wave offerings across the land.**

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;  
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,  
Head ragged or aproned,  
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited  
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

**Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have  
gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God.**

**May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication,  
worship, and love. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The God of heaven has made his home on earth,

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Come now all who hunger

**And be filled with the bread of heaven.**

Come now all who thirst,

**And drink from the cup of salvation.**

Come now all who seek

**And be warmed by the fire of love.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

All your works, the height and the depth,

echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning your Word summoned light,

night withdrew, and creation dawned.

As ages passed unseen,

waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

**When the times at last had ripened**

**and the earth grown full in abundance,**

**you created in your image man and woman,**

**the stewards of all creation.**

**You gave us breath and speech,**

**that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise,**

**and to celebrate the creation you call good.**

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,

we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:



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

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!  
When sin had scarred the world,  
you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
as a father joyfully welcomes his own,  
you embraced a people as your own  
and filled them with longing for a peace that would last  
and for a justice that would never fail.

**Through countless generations  
your people hungered for the bread of freedom.  
From them you raised up Jesus, your Son,  
the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.**

He healed the sick,  
**though he himself would suffer;**  
he offered life to sinners,  
**though death would hunt him down.**  
But with a love stronger than death,  
**he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.**

Gracious God,  
as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him,  
for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness  
and exalted him as Lord of creation.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a one-sharp key signature (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a fermata over the final note. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and a fermata at the end. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

Eternal God,  
let your Holy Spirit move in power over us  
and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we may become one in him.

**May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer,  
strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.  
Then, at last, all peoples will be free,  
all divisions healed, and with your whole creation,  
we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

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

### **CLOSING PRAYER** (unison)

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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### **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.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### **\*HYMN #730**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God’s love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there’s not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn’t be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus’ will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Gail E. Mason, guest pastor | Elder Flo Raisig, 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!

### 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.

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!

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

SESSION MEETING...Tuesday, November 9, **6:30PM** in the Gathering Place (note time change!).



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.

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS were mailed out with commitment cards. Please submit your estimate of giving card to the Church Office on or before Stewardship Sunday, November 14, 2021.

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.

DEACONS are assembling harvest baskets and/or cards on Nov. 14. If anyone knows of someone who might benefit from these, contact Mary Ann Hartman at [mare76@comcast.net](mailto:mare76@comcast.net).

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...yes, already! Immediately following worship on November 20, the Hanging of the Greens returns. 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.

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

November 14 – Stewardship Sunday, Jason Dauer preaching

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, Receiving New Members, Congregational Meeting

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Emerging or Blue Christmas (TBD)

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

December 26 – 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 8

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

### Tuesday, November 9

10:00AM Book Club (AH)  
**6:30PM Session Meeting (GP)**  
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)  
8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Wednesday, November 10

1:00PM Writing Class (L)  
7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

### Thursday, November 11

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

### Friday, November 12

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

### Saturday, November 13

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Next Sunday, November 14

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship (S)  
Youth Sunday School (GP)  
12:30PM PNC Meeting (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**



*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.*



**\*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

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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!

