



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
including the Sacrament of Baptism
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 10, 2021**

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

NEW MEMBER INVITATION

Elder Flo Raisig

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Come, let us gather to worship our Timeless God.

**We gather together to share with your children
the past blessings we have received from our God.**

Come, let us gather to worship our Awesome God.

We gather together to listen for God's word for us today.

Come, let us gather to worship our Glorious God,
who delights in our worship, witness and service.

**We gather together to share our hope and trust in our merciful God
who has never failed or forgotten us.**

Come let us worship the Triune God!

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature.
We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your
promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you,
too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the
covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank you for the sign of the
dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. Hovering over the dawn of creation,
descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over and descends
upon us. With the whole creation, we give you all glory and honor.
In your triune name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #250**

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

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| 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see. | From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see. |
| 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me. | 3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see. |

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us. It must really disappoint you when we fail to be the kind of devoted followers that you need. You know of the needs in this world and the capability that we have of meeting those needs and bringing words of hope and healing through actions of compassion and justice. Yet, we are hesitant in our commitment to you and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren't sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us. Forgive us when we so easily doubt your call, your presence, and your abiding love. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to you with hearts filled with joy, praising you for opportunities to witness to your love in our service to your people. Heal us and restore us, for we ask in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is the giver of many gifts and the Creator of the One Body.

God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all and helps us heal the wounds and reunite the body. Friends, believe the Good News of Jesus:

We are forgiven, loved, and accepted. 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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

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 BAPTISM

"Child of the Water"

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

ANTHEM

"Come to the Water"

John Foley

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in

the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

SERMON

"Ain't All Sunshine and Rainbows"

Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower

*HYMN #840

"It is Well With My Soul"

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3 He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!
(Refrain)

4 Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound
and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.
(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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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 #353**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower, guest pastor | Elder Jim Segedy, liturgist | Elder Flo Raisig, clerk of session
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir
John Foster, videographer | Glenn Allen Monk, greeter

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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!

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISMS of Maren Lynn Headlee born October 12, 2019 and Malcolm Carroll Headlee born August 6, 2021, children of Ethan Michael Headlee and Elizabeth Carroll Headlee.

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

INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST? Contact Shaun Cloonan to sign up for an upcoming Sunday and assist our guest pastors in leading worship.

CROP WALK is set for today at 1:00PM beginning at South Avenue United Methodist Church. Judy Mysels, Mariah Mysels, and Rhonda Apossos are currently signed up to walk for the FPCE team. Contact the office to join as a walker or to make a donation in support of local and global mission. Donations can also be made online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgewood>

SESSION MEETING...Tuesday, October 12, 7PM in the Gathering Place.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 17 – Emerging Worship, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

October 24 – Receiving new members, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

October 31 – Reformation Sunday, Heather Henkel preaching

November 7 – All Saints' Observance/Communion, Rev. Gail Mason preaching

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Aposos 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, October 11 (office closed)

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

Tuesday, October 12

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Session Meeting (GP)
8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Wednesday, October 13

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Thursday, October 14

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

Friday, October 15

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, October 16

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, October 17

9:30AM Worship Ensemble (S)
11:00AM Emerging Worship (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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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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