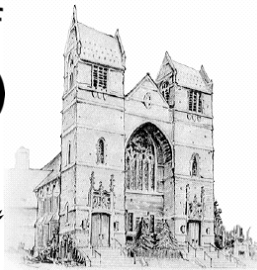




First Presbyterian Church of  
**EDGEWOOD**  
The Community Church



**11:00** AM  
**SUNDAY @**   
**MORNINGS**

## First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Emerging Worship 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 16, 2022 | World Food Day

\*All who are able, please stand.

### WELCOME

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

Wisdom calls out to her children

**“Have you learned with my people the way you must go?”**

Wisdom gathers to teach us;

**“Learn lessons from the land, from the gardens and the fields”**

Wisdom sets out a banquet of understanding

**“Feast on the harvest of knowledge planted here.”**

Learn from the seasons of planting, and be taught by communities who know.

Her children have known struggle and they persevere.

They have seen disaster and have come through. Listen to Wisdom calling to you.

**Let us worship God!**

#### \*SONG

“Hear the Message We are Now Proclaiming”

1 Hear the message we are now proclaiming  
about justice and peace for the whole world.

2 Hear, the gospel we are now proclaiming,  
it gives new life to those who are poorest.

Refrain

With faith, and with love, and with hope  
we shall fight for the world. (repeat)

3 For the gospel we are now proclaiming,  
it brings liberty for all the captives.

4 Yes, the message we are now proclaiming,  
gives relief to the suffering people.

#### OPENING PRAYER (refrain)

Good and gracious God,

You are gathering this community from across the earth,

asking us to pour out our lives on behalf of those who hunger.

**For hope. For justice. For daily bread.**

You are asking us to see the earth as you do:

So very, very good.

**Trees with fruit, bursting with seed.**

**Green plants for food, for humans and for every living creature.**

As a holy place for everything that breathes and to whom you have given life.

Yet we see the realities before us and it takes our breath away:

Those whose bellies growl every day.

Those who consume more than their fair share.  
Those who walk miles for clean water to drink.  
Those whose gardens are demolished by corporations  
    who lease land quietly and displace lives to make a profit.  
Those whose farms have crashed under the weight of cheaper foods  
    that undercut local prices by decisions made far away in trade agreements.  
Those whose very lives are impoverished more by our globalizing economies.

Breathe new life into us ...

**As a global community.**

**As local congregations.**

**As networks of committed people.**

**As individual souls, all unafraid.**

**For we see anew our depth, breadth and life.**

Gather us together so that we may remind each other of your intent for this earth.  
Gather us so that we may pour out our lives in Christ's name, as Christ does  
    on behalf of those who hunger.

**For hope. For justice. For daily bread.**

So that it will be on earth as it is in heaven.

**For now and for always. Amen.**

## **\*SONG**

### "Gather Us In"

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We confess our shortcomings, not for shame nor in guilt,  
but to wrestle honestly with the impact we have on each other.  
We share in collective confession to bear witness to the struggles  
of learning and unlearning under systems of domination and exploitation.  
In so doing, we remember that grace and accountability are healing friends,  
not divisive foes. In this spirit, let us join together in confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (responsive)

Gracious Creator,

We have eaten our fill of this world’s bounty and allowed the leftover to spoil.

**Have mercy on us, and help us to take only what we need.**

We have used all of our resources, and taken those of others

**Have mercy on us, and help us to take only what we need.**

We have created disasters in our response to disasters

**Have mercy on us, and help us to listen.**

We have believed we were right, simply because of our wealth

**Have mercy on us, and help us to listen.**

We have received more than we need, and rarely given the excess away

**Have mercy on us, and help us to share.**

We have failed to fix our systems of waste

**Have mercy on us, and help us to share.**

Come to us, Holy Spirit, and hear our prayers. Forgive us these things and those we have not named.

Restore us, O God, and renew our minds, our bodies, and our communities for the work of your justice in this, your world. **Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (responsive)

Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.

**God does not bind us to our regrets.**

Or forever hold us to what we once believed.

**God says, come and follow!**

Know forgiveness and sin no more.

**Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!**

Wherever new life is desired, may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.

**Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.**

**\*RESPONSE**

“We are Forgiven”

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Christ be with you: **and also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG**

“Surely the Presence”



Sure-ly the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might-y pow-er and his grace. I can



hear the brush of an-gels'wings, I see glo-ry on each face; sure-ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

from *The Presbyterian Outlook*

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

NRSVUE

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**SONG**

"Room at the Table"

Carrie Newcomer

1 Let our hearts not be hardened  
to those living on the margins,  
there is room at the table for everyone.  
This is where it all begins,  
this is how we gather in,  
there is room at the table for everyone.

2 Too long we have wandered,  
burdened and undone, but  
there is room at the table for everyone.  
Let us sing the new world in,  
this is how it all begins,  
there is room at the table for everyone.  
(Chorus)

Chorus:

There is room for us all,  
and no gift is too small.  
There is room at the table for everyone.  
There's enough if we share,  
come on, pull up a chair.  
There is room at the table for everyone.

3 No matter who you are.  
No matter where you're from,  
there is room at the table for everyone.  
Here and now we can be  
the beloved community:  
there is room at the table for everyone.  
(Chorus)

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 18:1-8

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

<sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.'

<sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**SERMON**

Rev. Jason Dauer

## \*SONG

### "For Everyone Born"

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
(Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
(Refrain)

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,  
(Refrain)

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *PC(USA): A Brief Statement of Faith*

### **We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## **SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **& PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In the towering cliffs we see your majesty, and on quiet lakes we experience your peace. Revive, O Lord, the lands and fields, the water and air. May the resources we find in it be used for your glory and not for the enrichment of a few.

Creator of the land, **hear our prayer.**

We ask for your blessing upon the farmers of the world, for water and sun, for fertile soil and good health. May they have freedom to till the land for the feeding of their families and their communities. Guide their tending to respect what you have provided for the flourishing of all life.

Creator of the first garden, **hear our prayer.**

God, our provider, pour out your gifts on the communities of the world. May they find harmony in relationship and be sustained by the bounty you have given. Help all communities rely upon each other, so that the needs of all will be met, and hope might be found even in the midst of tragedy. Let them flourish and guide their generosity, that their hospitality might reflect your own.

Creator of community, **hear our prayer.**

May the hand of your justice be made known in our food system. Let the benefits be received by all who participate. Let those who labor, be paid. Let those who grow food, not be made needy. May nourishment reach the hungry, and even the crumbs find mouths to be fed.

Creator of justice, **hear our prayer.**

Bless, to us, food that is wholesome and good. May our tables be filled with the fruits of our local fields. Let all that we eat give life to those who dine, give strength to our bodies, and energy for the work of your justice, peace, and love.

Creator of all that there is, **hear our 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.**

### **INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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### **\*SONG**

"Go with God"

Go with God. Go with God.  
as you leave this place, go with God.  
God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day.  
As you leave this place, go with God.

### **THE SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

*(Please join us in the Gathering Place after the service for a time of fellowship)*

### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

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

The Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music  
Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Emerging Worship Ensemble  
John Foster, videographer

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# 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. We hope you consider joining us more often!

TODAY IS WORLD FOOD DAY. **People and Planet First** is the theme of this year's Oct. 10–17 Food Week of Action. *People and Planet First* means prioritizing family farmers, fishers and others producing in harmony with nature – agroecologically – and achieving food sovereignty. As communities continue to face the pandemic and vulnerable food chains, we are called to build resilient food systems to protect and cool the planet while putting farmers and workers first. Food Week highlights groups and initiatives that are building equitable and sustainable food systems, while also tackling the economic and racial drivers of hunger, poverty, and oppression. **Take action at [pcusa.org/foodweek](https://pcusa.org/foodweek)** This morning, we participate in liturgy prepared by the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, 10:00AM, **Tuesdays** at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood, reading "A Man Called Peter".

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY led by Elder Tim Hoffman has resumed: **Wednesdays** at 7:30PM via Zoom. No password needed. <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help run the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry mobile food pantry to get food to those in need! This is a recurring opportunity on **Saturdays** from 11:00AM to 1:30PM at Covenant Church and Eternal City, at the Corner of Park Avenue and Swissvale Avenue, in Wilkinsburg. Register and double your impact via @involvemint: <https://tinyurl.com/WCMMobile>

THE EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S FIRST CONCERT OF THE SEASON, 'An American Serenade' on **October 22** will highlight the talents of Pittsburgh's own composers—Mark Fromm, Roger Zahab, Paul Critser, and James Whipple, including a World Premiere. Featured soloist is bassoonist Linda Morton Fisher. Also on the program is Symphony No. 1 by Florence Price. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at [edgewoodsymphony.org](https://edgewoodsymphony.org). Please note this concert venue has moved to the Levinson Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill — across the street from Katz Auditorium where they usually perform.



## 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

### Today, Sunday, October 16

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

### Monday, October 17

6:30PM Cub Scouts (SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

### Tuesday, October 18

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

### Wednesday, October 19

7:30PM Bible Study (Zoom)

### Thursday, October 20

3:45PM Flute Lessons (O)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

7:00PM SAA (L)

### Friday, October 21

4:15PM Flute Lessons (O)

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Saturday, October 22

7:30PM ESO Concert at the JCC

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Sunday, October 23

*No Choir Rehearsal this week*

11:00AM Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

## 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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