



## First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday – October 31, 2021

\*All who are able, please stand.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

**We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

**We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Everlasting Lord, we thank you for the grace to come before you again, accept our praises in Jesus name. We magnify your name oh God.**

**We thank you for your promises, you make us understand that whatsoever we bind on earth is bound in heaven, we bind every power of the enemy against this gathering, we cast out every evil spirit against our coming together in Jesus' name. We pray that today, you will meet us at our point of need, we would all go home happy from your presence. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe

doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,

we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

### 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.**

(Silent Confession)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*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.*)

### GATHERING SONG

"Surely the Presence"



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



hear the brush of ang-el's wings, I see glor-y on each face. Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

**SCRIPTURE**

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup> And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup> And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

**ANTHEM**

"For the Life That You Have Given"

Hymn #717

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 12:28-34

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## SERMON

## “What does love mean to you?”

Heather Henkel

### \*HYMN #62

“Love the Lord Your God”

(sing twice)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

## 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.**

### 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 #300

“We are One in the Spirit”

1 We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love.

2 We will walk with each other;  
we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other;

we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we’ll spread the news that  
God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other;  
we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other;  
we will work side by side,  
and we’ll guard human dignity  
and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus,  
God’s only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one: (Refrain)

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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### Participants in this worship service:

Heather Humphries Henkel, guest pastor | Elder Rhonda Apossos, 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.

We welcome back Heather Henkel who is a lifelong Pittsburgher, grew up in Edgewood, and attended FPCE throughout her youth (older members may remember her by her maiden name of Heather Humphries). She went to college at Miami University in Ohio and has worked in technology at PNC since 1999. Her home church is Parkwood Presbyterian Church in Allison Park, and she completed her Field Education with Rev. Beckie Hickok at Waverly Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in May 2020 and is working on ordination. She lives in McCandless Township with her husband and children.

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.

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.

**REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...next Sunday, November 7. Fall behind one hour!**

ALL SAINTS' DAY is officially November 1 on the liturgical calendar, but we have traditionally observed it as part of our worship on the first Sunday in November. During the service, we remember those who have passed on from this life in the past year and gone on to the Church Triumphant, joining the Communion of Saints by lifting up their names, praying for them, and lighting candles. If you have a person that you would like to have named during the service, please contact Judy in the Church Office so that it can be included in the bulletin for November 7 and read aloud during our time of remembrance.

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS went out last week with commitment cards. Please submit your pledge card to the Church Office on or before Stewardship Sunday on 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 sanctuary and blue bin at side vestibule entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...yes, already! Immediately following worship on November 21, 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!

EVEN THOUGH THE CROP WALK is over, you still have time to donate on behalf of FPCE. Please see Judy Mysels in the church office or visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgewood> to contribute online.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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=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 1

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

### Tuesday, November 2

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

### Wednesday, November 3

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

### Thursday, November 4

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)  
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)  
7:30PM PNC Meeting (GP)

### Friday, November 5

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Saturday, November 6

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

### Next Sunday, November 7 (Daylight Saving)

#### *All Saints Sunday*

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Communion 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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