edgewood
presbyterian church (PCUSA)

Our Mission

We joyfully proclaim the gospel of God's love. As a diverse and inclusive community of believers, we celebrate our unity in Christ. We believe we are called to compassionate service in our congregation, in our community and in the world. We invite all who want to explore the great mystery of faith and paths of discipleship to join us.

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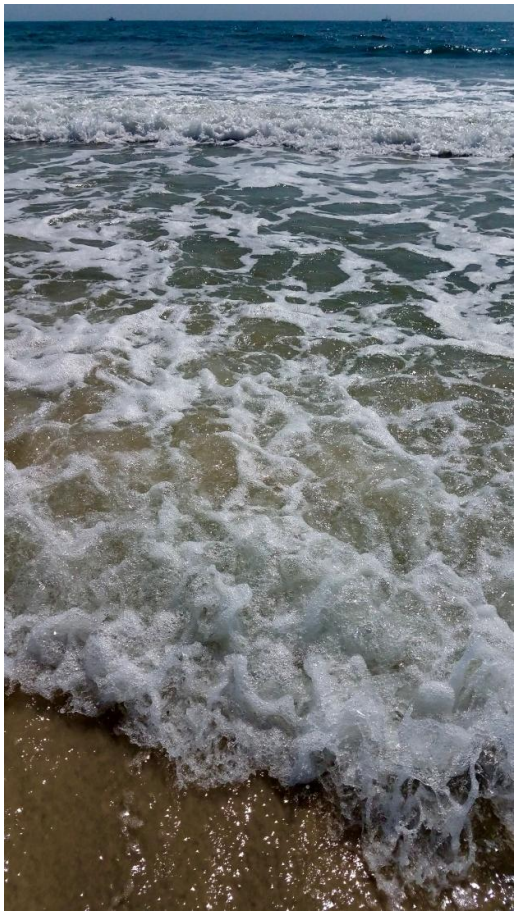

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"Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky."
- Psalm 85: 10-11

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 9, 2026

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

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1 YEAR TOGETHER, ROOTED IN 252 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace. Please include your name unless you wish the request to be anonymous.

Prayer of Preparation *(Silent Prayer)*
Steadfast God, may faithfulness and love spring up in me today.
Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism
All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.

Prelude *Prelude on "Eventide"* William Monk; arr. Franklin Ritter

***Welcome**

***Call to Worship** Katie Phillips-Kraft, Liturgist

O God, you tell us to ask, to search, and to knock.
And the door will be opened, and we will find,
and we will receive.

You tell us to enter through the narrow gate,
for the road is hard that leads to life.

You tell us not to store up treasures on earth,
but in heaven, for our heart will accompany our treasure.

You tell us that the blessed are among us:
the meek, the mourners, the merciful,
and those who make peace.

You tell us to pray:
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

You tell us to put our fear aside.
And invite us to step forward in faith.

We are gathered now as your people in this place,
with hearts opened to hear what you will tell us today.

***Prayer of the Day**

***Hymn 408** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET, SPIRIT

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." *(Refrain*)

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Almighty God, you know our hearts. You know
how we struggle to follow the path of peace.
Gathered together, help us to see your grace
poured out in reckless and abundant love.
May we know an emptying of all the burdens that we carry,
of all the regrets that cling to us.

May we know your love and forgiveness,
a peace that passes understanding as you meet us here.
Today, O God, may we be healed, restored, and forgiven.
We now share with you in silence the burdens of our hearts...
(silent confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria (Hymn 582)

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, world without end, Amen. [3x]
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 37: 1-4,12-28 *(pew Bible page 34)*

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter **Psalm 85: 8-13**

8 *Let me hear what the LORD God will speak,*
for God will speak peace to the people, to God's faithful,
to those who turn to the LORD in their hearts..
9 **Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear the LORD, that the glory of the LORD may dwell in our land.**

[10]*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;*
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
[11]**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

[12]*The LORD will give what is good,*
and our land will yield its increase.
[13]**Righteousness walks before the LORD,**
and will make a path for God's steps.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14: 22-33 *(pew Bible page 16)*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **"*Of Faith and Doubt"***
Reverend Debbie Feagin

***Hymn 722** *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* CANONBURY

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and
where until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Anthem *Come to the Water* Jeremy Blackwood; arr. Anna Laura Page

Come to the water, come refresh your spirit; come, find the righteousness of God. Come, Holy Spirit, come work within us, renew our hearts forevermore. Gracious Redeemer, how we long for grace divine; come, wash us with your renewing power. We long for your touch, we long for your peace. Empower us, O Holy Lord. Born through the water and the Holy Spirit, we come in faith to proclaim your word. Gracious Redeemer, strengthen our being, make us disciples of your grace. Thank you, O Father, guide us to your will divine. Help us to be the hands of Christ. Guide us , O Father, give us the courage to walk the way that leads to you. Amen. Amen.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

***Doxology Hymn 607** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Servers*:* Alice Morgan, Sam Bell, Karin Bell

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

…we join our voices …

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

…we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

***Communion of the People**

Music at Communion *In the Hour of Trial*
Virginia Carrington Thomas

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KEVINGROVE

1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Debbie Feagin

***Postlude** *Postlude in F* Donald Lee Moore