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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MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS
A MEMBER CONGREGATION

"I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey."
- Exodus 3: 8

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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)*

Hear the cries of your people and speak a word of comfort, that we may proclaim to all the earth the glory of your name. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.

Prelude *Andante* Guilmant

***Welcome**

***Call to Worship** William Kraft, Liturgist

The Lord, the God of ages, calls us.
This is holy ground.

Here we pray, we sing.
We rejoice, we weep.

We tell the truth, we laugh,
we find comfort and friendship.

We are free to be our whole selves, holding nothing back.
And God holds back no affection, no grace, no love.

The Lord, the great I AM, is with us.
Let us worship God.

***Prayer of the Day**

***Hymn 33** *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* LLANFAIR

1 Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

2 Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

3 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

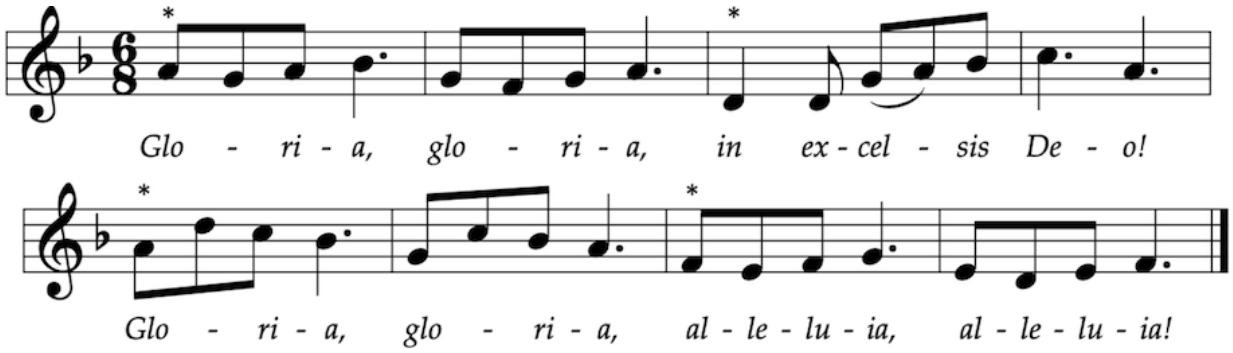
We turn away, O God, from what disturbs us,
what convicts us, and what confounds us.
When we turn from the cries of your beloved people,
we turn away from you.
Forgive us. Sturdy our hearts.
Transform us into a people who look squarely
at suffering and strive for justice in our world
and righteousness in our relationships.
Send us, your servants, to bear your Word of freedom.
Hear now 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 583)



Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

Romans 12: 9-21 *(pew Bible page 162)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter **Psalm 105: 1-6, 23, 26, 45b**

[1]*O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,*
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
[2]**Sing to the LORD, sing praises to God;**
tell of all God's wonderful works.

[3]*Glory in God's name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
[4]**Seek the LORD and seek God's strength;**
seek God's presence continually.

[5]*Remember the wonderful works God has done,*
God's miracles and the judgments God has uttered,
[6]**O offspring of the LORD's servant Abraham,**
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

[23]*Then Israel came to Egypt,*
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
[26]**God sent Moses, God's servant and Aaron,**
whom God had chosen.
Praise the LORD!

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

Hebrew Bible Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15 *(pew Bible page 50)*

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

Sermon Reverend Joe Genau

"We Plan, God Will Be"

***Hymn 550** *Give Praise to the Lord* LAUDATE DOMINUM

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song; amid all the saints God's praises prolong; a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise, all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

2 With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim, with gladness, O God, we praise your great name; for now in your people good pleasure you seek; with robes of salvation you cover the meek.

3 In glory exult, all saints of the Lord; with song in the night high praises accord; go forth in God's service and strong in God's might to conquer all evil and stand for the right.

4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail, but over the earth their power shall prevail; all kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway. To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Anthem *Rain Down* Jaime Cortez; arr. John Carter

Carolyn Crocker, soloist

Refrain: *Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.*
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. ***Refrain***

We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. ***Refrain***

God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life for our thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.
Refrain

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*:* Carolyn Crocker, Stacey Waites, Amy Crowe

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 *Where He Leads Me*

Gospel tune by J. S. Norris; arr. Stewart Landon

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

***Hymn 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.
(*Refrain*)

3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
(*Refrain*)

4 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. (*Refrain*)

5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
(*Refrain*)

Blessing of the Backpacks

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Joe Genau

***Postlude** *The Glorious Kingdom* Roger C. Wilson