

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church  
November 19, 2023**

**\*\*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** Holy God, bring to me the knowledge that you are present,  
the focus needed to hear your voice, and the hunger to seek your justice. Amen.

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Waters of Baptism** "God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends."

HYMN 399

**Prelude**

*We Gather Together*

Matt Barron, Clarinet

Craig Cagle, Trumpet

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Karin Bell, Liturgist

O people of God, praise the name of the One in whom we put our trust.  
**Blessed is God's name forever.**

God has called us together as the body of Christ.  
**With open hearts and open minds, we seek Wisdom.**

From break of day to setting sun,  
**let us praise the name of the God of grace and glory.**

**Prayer of the Day**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **Invitation to Reconciliation**

### **Prayer of Brokenness**

**God of all ages,  
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.  
You call us into holy light,  
but we hide ourselves in shadows.  
You trust us with the message of grace,  
but we bury that treasure in fear.  
Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us turn toward you and seek new ways  
to rejoice in your presence.  
Keep calling for us and help us to listen.  
We offer to you in silence the burdens of our own hearts...**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!**

## Gloria 583



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter

### Psalm 90: 1-8, 12

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
**like grass that is renewed in the morning;**

<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
**in the evening it fades and withers.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
**by your wrath we are overwhelmed.**

<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you,  
set our secret sins in the light of your face.

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25: 14-30

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich

**Hymn 529**

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together,  
you are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Here we touch your garment's hem.

2 As disciples used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the giver  
break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
so now bind our friendship up.

3 All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve with faith anew.

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Announcements for the Community of Faith**

**Offertory**

*Softly and Tenderly*

Arr. Timothy Johnson

Craig Cagle, trumpet

Amanda Klimko, piano

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Doxology**

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**

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

## The Lord's Prayer

## Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

## Communion of the People

**Music at Communion**     *Bless This House*     Taylor / Barbe

## Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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**Hymn 716**     *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*     BEACH SPRING

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for  
pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace  
conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

**Charge from the Steps**

Fran Woodruff

**Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich

**Choral Benediction**

*Amen*

Lutkin

**Postlude**

*Paeen*

Gordon Young