

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Children's Time: Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a children's message during worship. Following the message, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to accompany NaEisha and another adult teacher to Children's Church in the Education Building. Children in 3rd grade and above will return to their seats to worship with their families.

Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall across the breezeway.

What's Going on This Week

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship
12:00 pm—Brown Bag Lunch and
Visit to FPC
4:30 pm—Sign Language Class

Tuesday, May 2

12:00 pm—The Chosen Study

Wednesday, May 3

8:00 am—Men's Bible Study
and Prayer Meeting
5:30 pm—Choir Practice
6:30 pm—Handbells
7:30 pm—Wednesday Night
Devotion via Zoom

Thursday, May 4

11:00 am—National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 5

11:30 am—Lunch Bunch at
O'Charley's

Saturday, May 6

10:00 am—Flint River Presbytery
Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, May 7

9:30 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship
4:30 pm—Sign Language Class

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Connie Happell
Director of Music	Sue Ellen Williams
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Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ

*Holy Spirit,
Grant me the faith
that saves me from despair and vice.
Grant me the love for God and others
that purges all hate and bitterness.
Grant me the hope that frees me
from fear and despondency.
Teach me to discern Jesus Christ
and to do his will. Amen.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Service of Worship
April 30, 2023
Liturgical Color: White
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Autism Awareness Sunday

BELL PEAL EPC Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Connie Happell

PRELUDE "Humoresque in G"
Sergei Rachmaninoff

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 46:1-3, 11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

People: **So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

People: **The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

***HYMN 464** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

SHARING NICK'S STORY Andrew Smith

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father, we confess that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need Your care. We take Your words that there will always be unmet needs as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as Your faithful followers. Help us to work with You for the well-being of others, so that Your will is done in this place and time. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERTORY "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Thomas O. Chisholm William M. Runyan
Arranged by Cindy Berry

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM "Sing a New Song"
J. Paul Williams

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE NaEisha Owens

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 1:1-2:10 Lynn Summers

SERMON "Small Hope" Rev. Connie Happell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

***HYMN 525** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.