

Edgewood @ First

Welcome to Edgewood at the Nest
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Floor
(use the elevator)

Worship at 11 a.m. in the Chapel

We are so glad you've joined us!

What's Going on This Week

Sunday, July 30

9:30 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship

Wednesday, August 2

5:30 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, August 3

11:30 am—Lunch Bunch at
Shangri-La Chinese
Restaurant

Saturday, August 5

10:00 am—Flint River
Presbytery Meeting, Macon
11:00 am—Prayer Team
Meeting at Julie Ligon's house

Sunday, August 6

9:30 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship
12:00 pm—Reception

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Connie Happell
Director of Music	Sue Ellen Williams
Youth/Young Adult Coordinator	NaEisha Owens
Pianist	Eunmee Park
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Meeting in the Chapel of First Presbyterian Church

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Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ

44 "God's Kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

45-46 Or, God's kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for exquisite pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it."

~Matthew 13:44-46~

MSG

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Service of Worship
July 30, 2023
Liturgical Color: Green
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

BELL PEAL

Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt

PRELUDE

“Alleluia”

arr. Leslie M Gomez

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

All: Our Lord is a great God, and a great God above all gods.

***HYMN**

“Psalm 105a”

from The Psalter for Christian Worship.

By Michael Morgan

TUNE: Ellacombe

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for Your help, Your power, Your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out Your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that You have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask You to do that. We ask You to give us the courage to change. We ask that You give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be Your people in all we say and do...(Please continue in silent confession.) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON based on Belonging to God: A First Catechism, Q 13 & 27

Leader: How does God deal with us as sinners?

People: God hates our sin but never stops loving us. God's Son, Jesus, sacrificed His life for us by dying on the cross. He showed His victory over death by rising from the dead. He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life with God.

Leader: Children of God, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE HYMN 333**

“Seek Ye First”

Taylor Mills, Guitar

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Charles C. Converse

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

“Write Your Blessed Name”

Thomas à Kempis

K. Lee Scott

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NaEisha Owens

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

“Unexpected Treasures”

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt
Trained Ruling Elder

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene 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 325**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

