

# *Edgewood Presbyterian Church • September 10, 2023*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

EPC Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt, CRE

Prelude

**"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"**

Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn 257

**"Give Praise to the Lord"**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess we have tried to hide from You, because we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned away from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments.**

(Please continue in silent confession.) **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise Hymn

**"We Lift Our Voices"**

Affirmation of Faith

The Scots Confession 3.01

Anthem

**"The Good Shepherd"**

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

NaEisha Owens

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

**"Strangers in an Elevator"**

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt

Commissioned Ruling Elder

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Responsive 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**

Offertory

**"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

\*Hymn 369

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church**  
**God's People • Christ's Followers**  
**on the move with the Spirit**

The **Commissioning Service for Pete Sanders-Nesbitt and Susan Gilbert** is today at 4 p.m. with a reception following. Please come and support Susan and Pete and their ministry among us.

**Office Volunteer.** JoAnna will be traveling during the month of October and we need someone to work in the office a few hours each Thursday while she is out. It will be simple office tasks. If you would be interested, contact the church office.

**New Women's Study group.** "Forgiving What You Can't Forget: Discover How to Move On, Make Peace with Painful Memories, and Create a Life That's Beautiful Again" by Lysa TerKeurst. Begins on Thursday, September 14 and meets at 5:30 at The Abbey (1st Ave., between the Salt Cellar restaurant and a CSU dorm). Contact Liz Allison, Karen Wetherell or Connie Happell if interested.

**"Forgotten God" by Frances Chan** is the new Adult Sunday School study. Join this class at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd floor.

**New Details! Flint River Presbytery Habitat for Humanity House Build.** Plan to join us on Saturday, September 16 at 11 a.m. for the groundbreaking and picnic at 224 RC Allen Dr, Columbus 31907.

**Abbey Lunches** resume Tuesday, September 19. To help, contact Liz Allison.

**Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger** will be held Sunday, October 1 at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian gym.

**The Abbey Food Pantry.** Help us fill the pantry for college students. A list of items for the pantry can be requested from the church office, office@epclife.com. Place donations in the basket in the Narthex or the hallway by the office.

**Please Remember in Prayer**

<u>Homebound</u>	<u>Health Concerns</u>	<u>Grieving</u>
Tom Collins	Eunmee Park	Marge Welker
Mildred Hunter (no cards)	Chris Posey	The Nesbitt Family
Lee Hartline	Mary Adams	
Susan Knight	Bob Ligon	
Margaret Greene	Ted Ford	
	Bob & Claudia Wells	
	Barry Ferguson	
	Alec Lennon	

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Connie Happell
Director of Music	Sue Ellen Williams
Youth/Young Adult Coordinator	NaEisha Owens
Pianist	Eunmee Park
Office Administrator	JoAnna Williams
Financial Secretary	Janet Peters
Custodian	James Mills
Commissioned Ruling Elders	Susan Gilbert and Pete Sanders-Nesbitt



**Edgewood @ First**

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**Calendar**

**Sunday, September 10**

9:30 am—Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship  
 4:00 pm—Commissioning Service

**Monday, September 11**

5:30 pm—Discipleship Team  
 Meeting via Zoom

**Tuesday, September 12**

12:00 pm—Tuesday Bible Study  
 @ S. Blackwell Home

**Wednesday, September 13**

5:30 pm—Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 14**

5:30 pm—Women's Study Group  
 @ The Abbey

**Saturday, September 16**

11:00 a.m. Habitat Groundbreaking

**Sunday, September 17**

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

**Serving Edgewood**

**Children's Church**

Susan Gilbert

**Greeters/Ushers**

Sheryl Wright, Barry Cosby, Sandy Mason

**Greeting Cards**

Shirley Williams

**Prayer Partner**

Kris Jain

**Sanctuary**

Lisa Youmans

**Sound**

Walter Nesbitt

**vMix**

Chris Posey

**Screens**

Liz Allison

**Camera**

Allen Posey

**August Birthdays**

Stephanie Blackwell	10th
Rebecca Seese	12th
Rodney Spear	14th
Julie Ligon	23rd
Russell Seese	24th
Gene Hall	30th
Kristina Massey	30th