

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • September 1, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

EPC Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Gilbert, CRE

Prelude

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

from Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

People: Within Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your unfailing love.

Leader: Like Your name, O God, Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

People: This God is our God, forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end.

*Hymn 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, and have lived for ourselves apart from You. We have not been caring of our neighbors and have not helped them to bear their burdens. We have ignored 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Praise Hymn 404

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Anthem

"There Has to Be a Song"

Words by Bob Benson | Music by Andrea Ramsey

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 7:15-23

Sermon

"More Than a Thumb and a Plum"

Walter Nesbitt, CRE

Prayers of the People

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory

"He Took My Feet From the Miry Clay"

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Susan Gilbert, CRE

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Hymn 403
*Benediction
Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.
The words to the anthem can be found below.

A prayer partner is available at the front of the chapel after worship.

The Noisy Offering total for August was \$81.69.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, September 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Caffe Amici, 2301 Airport Thruway #E2. Signup in the Narthex or see Martha Jane Roark.

Rise Against Hunger will be held on World Communion Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian gym. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Save the Date! The Habitat House Dedication will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 1 p.m.

YA (Young Adults) Worship/Fellowship gathers virtually via Facebook/Zoom each Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Pete Sanders-Nesbitt details.

Are you a visitor? Do you desire prayer? Would you like a call? Let us know by noting this on the "Connect with Us" card in your pew and placing the card in the offering late. (All prayer requests are considered confidential.)

Please Remember in Prayer

Homebound

Claudia Wells
Tom Collins
Lee Hartline
Susan Knight
Margaret Greene

Health Concerns

Bob Wells
Eunmee Park
Barry Ferguson

Grieving

Church Staff

Director of Music
Youth/Young Adult Coordinator
Pianist
Office Administrator
Commissioned Ruling Elders

Pastoral Care

Sue Ellen Williams
NaEisha Owens
Eunmee Park
JoAnna Williams
Susan Gilbert
Pete Sanders-Nesbitt
Liz Allison

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 pm—YA Worship & Fellowship

Wednesday, September 4

5:30 pm—Choir Practice
6:30 pm—Handbell Practice

Thursday, September 5

11:30 am—Lunch Bunch @ Caffe Amici

Sunday, September 8

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

Anthem: There Has to Be a Song

There are too many dark nights.
Too many troublesome days.
Too many wearisome miles.
There has to be a song.

Refrain

There has to be a song
To make our burdens bearable.
There has to be a song
To make our hopes believable.
To transform our triumphs into praise.
There has to be a song.

Ending

Somewhere, Somewhere,
Somewhere down deep in a forgotten
Corner of each man's heart
To release the chains of past defeats.
There has to be a song.

Like a cool, clear drink of water,
Like the gentle warmth of sunshine,
Like the tender love of a child.
There has to be a song.

Refrain



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