

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • September 22, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

EPC Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Gilbert, CRE

Prelude

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

from Psalm 25

Leader: In You, Lord my God, I put my trust.

People: Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths.

Leader: Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior.

People: My hope is in You all day long.

*Hymn 483

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Praise Hymn 350

"Fill My Cup"

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

NaEisha Owens

Anthem

"The Journey Is Our Home"

Nancy Hollis Dillard | Allen Pote

First Lesson

James 3:13-4:3,7-8

Second Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

"Seeking Heavenly Wisdom"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

“Lord of the Dance”

*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.**

SENDING INTO GOD’S WORLD

*Hymn 316

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

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

It’s a Girl! You’re invited to join us for a baby shower in honor of Allison Stone-Wright on Saturday, September 28 at 2 p.m. at Susan Gilbert’s house, 140 Lee Road 609, Smiths, AL. She is registered at Target. The link can be found in the newsletter or on Facebook. Please RSVP using the sign-up sheets located at both entrances to the chapel. If you can help decorate or clean up or would like to bring something, please notate it on the sign-up sheet.

Lunch Bunch will meet at Caffe Amici, again, on Thursday, October 3 at 11:30 a.m. (2301 Airport Thruway #E2). Sign-up in the Narthex or see Martha Jane Roark.

Worship and Lunch with First Presbyterian and First Phenix City. We will worship with First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary on Sunday, October 6 at 11 a.m. The handbells will combine to play two songs, and lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken casserole with rice, marinated vegetables, baked apple casserole, roll, dessert and tea/water. Cost: \$8 per adult, \$6 per child. RSVP by Wednesday, October 2 to JoAnna in the church office. Pay at the door. That afternoon is the **FRP Rise Against Hunger** meal packing in the FPC Gym at 2 p.m. Sign-up at either entry point to the Chapel.

Save the Date! The Habitat House Dedication will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 11 a.m.

YA (Young Adults) Worship/Fellowship gathers virtually via Facebook/Zoom each Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Pete Sanders-Nesbitt for 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 plate. (All prayer requests are considered confidential.)

Sunday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 pm—YA Worship & Fellowship

Wednesday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 28

2:00 pm—Baby Shower

Sunday, September 29

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

Anthem: The Journey Is Our Home

Awake, arise, the journey's begun.
We travel on together as one.
We know not where the road will lead.
But we move in faith making love our creed
As we follow the journey is our home.

Good travelers walk with company,
Sharing bread with those in need.
Giving help along the way to those who fall,
Who wander astray as we follow
The journey is our home.

Refrain
Join with us in jubilee.
Celebrate God's family.
Sing together joyfully,
Alleluia!
Praise for evermore!

God moves with us as we go.
He hears our cry, our pain He knows.
Yet far beyond the setting sun,
There shines a light of a victory won.
The journey, the journey is our home.

Refrain



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