

# *Edgewood Presbyterian Church • September 29, 2024*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

EPC Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt, CRE

Prelude

**"The Love of God"**

Opening Prayer

Recognition of Our Flint River Presbytery Volunteers

Leader: We acknowledge and express heartfelt appreciation for the many disciples who have answered the call to serve our presbytery.

**People: We celebrate their courage, dedication, and willingness to allow God to use them for a variety of ministries.**

Leader: We give thanks for those who have served on presbytery committees and administrative commissions.

**People: We are mutually blessed by their work and service.**

Leader: We give thanks for all who support our campus ministries through making meals or offering ears to our college students at Columbus State University.

**People: We are grateful for those who are willing to be an encouraging presence to the young adults in our midst.**

Leader: Thank you, God for the love that motivates and empowers your people to serve.

**People: We ask you, O Lord to work through us, and help us always to work for you. Inspire us to be the hands and feet of Christ in new and surprising ways.**

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 124:8

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.**

Leader: God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

**People: Let us worship our Helper!**

\*Hymn 172

**"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, do You go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does Your silence mock our own silence in the face of un-checked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for Your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise Hymn 280

**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God’s Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through Him.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Brianna Evans

Anthem

**“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

Issac Watts (1674-1748) | Edward Broughton

New Testament Lesson

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

**“Healing Without a License”**

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt, CRE

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

**“Shall We Gather at the River/Near to the Heart of God”**

\*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 293

**“This is My Father’s World”**

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

Words to the anthem are available on the announcement sheet.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR



Celebrating those in our congregation who give of their time, talent, and energy to support the presbytery.

**Liz Allison** - Trained Ruling Elder

**Susan Gilbert** - Commissioned Ruling Elder

**Kris Jain** – Committee on Ministry

**Walter Nesbitt** – Commissioned Ruling Elder  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry

**NaEisha Owens** – The Abbey Board

**Chris Posey** - Personnel Committee

**Pete Sanders-Nesbitt** – Commissioned Ruling Elder  
FRP Nominating Committee

**Amy Spear** – The Abbey Board

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**Lunch Bunch** will meet at Caffé 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.

**NEXT WEEK: 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. **FRP Rise Against Hunger** meal packing will be that afternoon in the FPC Gym at 2 p.m. Sign-up at either entry point to the Chapel.

**Haugen's Newsletter.** There is an updated newsletter available. If you would like a copy, email JoAnna in the church office (office@epclife.com) and she will share it with you.

**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 29**

9:30 am—Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship

### **Tuesday, October 1**

7:00 pm—YA Worship & Fellowship

### **Wednesday, October 2**

5:30 pm—Choir Practice

6:30 pm—Handbell Practice

### **Sunday, October 6**

9:30 am—Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship with FPC  
in the Sanctuary

12:00 pm—Lunch in Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm—Rise Against Hunger, Gym

### **Anthem:**

#### **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

I sing the mighty power of God,  
That made the mountains rise.  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day.  
Th moon shines full at His command,  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
That filled the earth with food.  
He formed the creatures with His word,  
And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eye.  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,  
That makes Thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempest blow,  
By order of Thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care.

And everywhere that man can be,  
Thou, God, are present there.  
And everywhere that man can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

Amen. Amen.  
Amen. Amen!