



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 10, 2017



...WHATEVER YOU
bind on
earth
SHALL BE
bound in
heaven...

MATTHEW 18:18, ESV

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017

10:30 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Cents-ability Offering

Prelude

Silent Meditation

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.

St. Augustine

Introit

Each Day

Campbell

Call to Worship

Grace to you, and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God of all life, and of each life, we lay our lives before you.

We give ourselves to you, wholly and sincerely.

O God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt; we bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance;

We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

O God of life, O generous Spirit, renew us with your life,

So that we may praise you and give you thanks forever!

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #26**

Earth and All Stars!

SERVICE OF CONTRITION

***Prayer of Confession**

***Silent Prayer**

***Common Prayer**

O God our creator, your earth yields enough to satisfy the needs of all, but we confess we have claimed much and shared little. O God of all humanity, the earth's people are your children, regardless of color or creed; but we have succumbed to prejudice and have allowed fear to close us off from our brothers and sisters. O Righteous God, you have called us to be just, but we have allowed hunger, nakedness, and want to persist among multitudes. Judge us in your anger, but save us in your grace. Call us to return to you as prodigals newly awakened to your love; in Christ our Lord we pray.

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Response**

[286, Trentham]

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breath on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

(Turn to your neighbors and say, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 18:15-20

(Pew Bible, page 19 – NT)

Anthem

Hymn of the Shepherd

Moore

Reading from Scripture

Romans 13:8 -14

(Pew Bible, page 152 – NT)

Sermon

"Are You Putting Me On?"

Response to the Word *An Affirmation of Unity and Faith

Together we confess that God unites us in faith.

*Together we come to know the height, and the breadth,
and the depth of the love of Christ.*

Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ.

Together we know and bear one another's burdens.

We admonish one another.

We comfort one another.

We suffer with one another.

We need one another.

Together we pray and work to serve God in the world.

*Together we are the family of God, gathered as
brothers and sisters around Christ's table. In Him we
are one. Thanks be to God!*

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of
Intercession**

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

***Communion Hymn #494**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the People of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving [562, Sanctus]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

***Charge & Benediction**

***Congregational Response** [#269, *Lancashire*]

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey S. O'Neill

Choir Director: Chelsea Berner

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Welcome!

We're glad you're here to worship God with us and to share in the fellowship of this church community. If you are looking for a church home, we would be honored to have you join us. Please speak to the Pastor or one of the Ushers following the service.

Nursery care is available for infants through age three from **9:15-11:45** each Sunday morning in our Nursery located in the **Christian Education Wing** on the **Lower Level**.

Church Hours

Monday through Thursday:

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.



Follow Eastminster on **Facebook**. We are under Eastminster Presbyterian Church East Lansing.

Today at Eastminster

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Barbara Stowitts in celebration of her and Susan Smalley's birthdays.

Ushers

Sherri & Gary Blanchard, Cindy Mackay & Tom Moss

Communion Servers

Elders: Norm Mackay & George Miller

Deacons: Sue Kalvonjian & Tom Moss

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill Interim Pastor

Dr. Fred Graham Parish Advisor

Rev. Shirley Paxton Parish Advisor

Neil Myer Director of Discipleship

Sam O'Neill Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze Organist

Chelsea Berner Adult Choir Director

Heather Myer Bell Choir Director

Nursery Attendant Audri Bello

Nursery Attendant Nino Napetvaridze

This Week at Eastminster

September 10 - 17

TODAY, 9/10 Communion

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Cents-ability

Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/11

Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, 9/12

Weekday Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Handbells 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/13

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.
Session 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/14

Cultured Purls 9:00 a.m.
Choir 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9/17



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handbells play
Ordination/Installation of Officers
Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Deacons 11:45 a.m.

AA: Wed. & Thurs. 7 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 p.m.;
Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon: Thurs. 8:15 p.m.



Our Adult Bible Study groups are starting up again after the summer hiatus. The **Weekday Bible Study** group moves to Tuesday afternoons this fall, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 (or so...) beginning September 5. The **Men's Bible Study group** reconvenes at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Both groups meet in the Green Room, and new participants are very welcome!



Sunday, Sept. 17
9:15 a.m.

THE OPEN DOOR **for all ages**

This fall, *open the door* to creativity, *open the door* to deepening relationships with God and one another, *open the door* to using your gifts, *open the door* to

faith formation through energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Upper elementary, middle school, high school and adults of all ages are invited to join us for this interactive time of faith formation Sunday mornings starting September 17. Arrive early and join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Open Door Café located on the Lower Level off Fellowship Hall for coffee, tea, juice and yummy baked goods! Our weekly adventures will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the “open doors” of Fellowship Hall. Join us as we open the door to possibilities!

Sept 17 – Kickoff

Sept 24 – Passport



Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Green Room

The events in Charlottesville, VA showed the world a dark and chilling side of America and exposed the undercurrent of hatred and fear that runs through our society. In Adult Education, we hope to highlight some issues and address some questions that rose out of this encounter. Please bring an open mind and an open heart as we delve into some uncomfortable territory. We will use TED Talks as the basis for discussions.

Sept 17 - “Understanding Our Roots: White Supremacy is More Than the KKK” - video & discussion, TEDxWCC: Dr. Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl is a sociologist who specializes in the study of race and contemporary racial

inequality, and has a focus on American multiracialism.

Sept 24 - "Understanding My Privilege" - video & discussion, TEDxPasadenaWomen: University Chancellor, Susan E. Borrego, reflects on her life as an emancipated minor and dissects the emotionally charged conversation surrounding race relations in the United States. This raconteur uses her powerful first-person account of "White Privilege" and "Black Lives Matter" to underscore the responsibility each one of us has to bring about change.



Faith & Film

**Monday, Sept. 18
@ 6:00 p.m.**

Join us on the **3rd
Monday** of the

month for a light meal, fellowship, and lively discussion on films. Please watch the film on your own, then join us and bring \$4 to pitch in for the meal.

September film: *Silence* (2016) "In the 17th century, two Portuguese Jesuit priests travel to Japan in an attempt to locate their mentor, who is rumored to have committed apostasy, and to propagate Catholicism" (IMDb).



Presbyterian Women

Bible Study

**Tuesday, Sept. 19
@ 1:15 p.m.**

The Eastminster

Presbyterian Church's (EPC) Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study will meet in the Eastminster Green Room on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. as

we begin our 2017-2018 study of *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. There will be light refreshments available at the meeting.

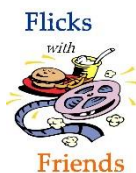
This nine-month study will begin in September 2017 and conclude in May 2018. PW meets every third Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. except for the business/luncheon/study meetings in December and May. These meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m.

Study Guides will be available in the Green Room as of September 3. The cost of the Study Guide is \$11 (Guide + shipping). An envelope for your payment will be attached with instructions on submitting payment. If you subscribe to *Horizons Magazine* you may have already received the Study Guide.

PW is for church and community ladies age 18+ who enjoy studying the Bible, sharing their insights and experiences relevant to the discussions, making new friends, keeping close to long-time friends and love God.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzi Moss, PW Coordinator at (517)974-3129 or

s.r.moss@outlook.com.



Flicks with Friends

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. **All persons** are invited. The movie is

picked the weekend before and by what is playing the afternoon of that day. An email list has been formed to notify persons who are interested. Let

Barb Stowitts (barbstow@yahoo.com) know if you would like to be included on the movie email list. Lunch is decided by the people attending.



Want to go green?

Forget about the paper checks, check stubs donation receipts and hand written notes. Using the church's

website, www.eastminsterchurch.org to support our mission is the paperless way to track your family's charitable giving. You can set up a recurring "e-tithe" to make an automatic offering every week, month, or year, in whatever amount you choose.



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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF:

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to DR000169-Harvey. We need your help. Please give generously. If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700. You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

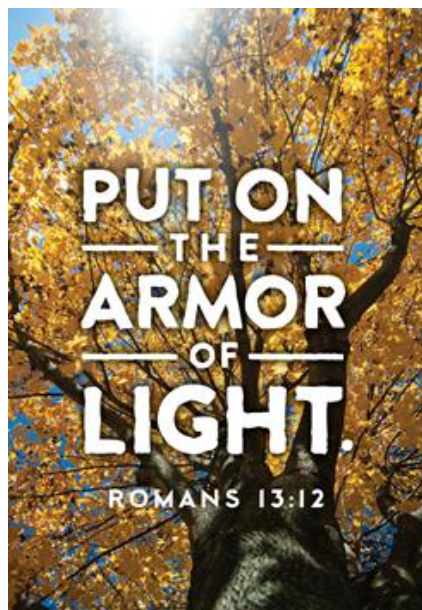
Beatitude in Action

After a renowned career in academia, priest and author Henri Nouwen devoted his final years to living in community with and caring for adults with severe developmental disabilities. A friend once asked Nouwen if it might make more sense to spend his remaining time writing.

"I am not giving up anything," Nouwen answered. "It is I, not Adam [the man he helped with the most basic needs], who gets the main benefit from our friendship."

Nouwen didn't merely read Jesus' beatitude "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). He lived it.

—Based on *I Am in Here* by Elizabeth Bonker and Virginia Breen





PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

September 4 – October 1

**Eastminster will collect the Offering
on World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2017**



As millions flee violence and persecution in South Sudan, they and others are striving for peace in villages, refugee camps, and at the highest levels of power. Give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering to support those working to share the dream of peace, and reconciliation around the world, as proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html>

GREATER LANSING CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 8

Walk. Give.
Change the world.

Location:

Lansing Magnet STEM Academy

2600 Hampden Dr.

Lansing, MI 48911

Registration: 1:00 p.m.

Walk: 2:00 p.m.

Walk Distance: 10K

Seven local agencies: Advent House Ministries, Greater Lansing Food Bank, Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation, The Garden Project, South Lansing Ministries, Southside Community Kitchen, and Volunteers of America.

CROP Rock! - Rocking chairs available at STEM Academy and Grace United Methodist for those unable to do the Walk.

Dogs on leashes are welcome.

Popcorn served at end of the Walk.

Please join and/or support our Eastminster Team to help end hunger in our community and world. We will be asking for your support the next three Sundays.

Contact Sam O'Neill if you are interested
in walking or rocking!

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mandy Augenstein
Garth Banninga
Bill Cleary
Heather Sturr

*Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. O'Neill
or the Church Office.*

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Eastminster Mission Statement

We, the members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
celebrate the grace of God and the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

We believe we are called as God's children to:

Praise and worship God;

Nurture and support spiritual growth as a family of faith;

Promote an open and welcoming community;

Reach out to the world with compassion;
and seek God's justice.

We strive to develop and use our Spirit-given gifts
to share our faith in word and deed
as disciples who serve the Lord Jesus Christ
according to the will of God.

Adopted by the Session in 1999. Revised in 2011.

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