



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
November 3, 2019

"Against all odds, walking by faith, we will survive, and more: we will learn what it means to be alive. There are no shortcuts. The road cannot be made by wishing, whining, or by talking. It can be made only by walking, day after day, step by step, struggle by struggle."

- Brian McLaren



# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

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*\* Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.*

## GATHERING

### **Welcome and Announcements** *(Please sign the friendship pads)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

### **Prelude**    *The entry of the light.*

### **Call to Worship**

Before there was any time,

***there was God.***

When we wandered the wilderness,

***God built a way for us.***

When we are overwhelmed with life,

***God unknots the tightness in our shoulders.***

When we seek to serve faithfully,

***God provides the opportunities.***

When tomorrow comes,

***we find God awake and waiting for us.***

When time ends,

***there will still be God.***

**\*Hymn #54**            *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Loving God, we come before you, to confess what you already know. You have taught us how to live in right relationship, but we fail to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God. Challenge us where we are unjust, disturb us when we don't care and transform us*

***through the love of your Son and the life-giving power of your Spirit.***

*(silent confession)*

**\*Declaration of God's Grace**

**\*Congregational Response #743** O God, You Are My God

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Children's Message**

**Reading from Scripture**

The Living God is with us!

***And with all creation!***

Exodus 20:1-21 *(Pew Bible, page - OT)*

May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God,  
ourselves, our neighbors, all people, and all creation.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Choir Anthem**      *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

**Offering of Resources and Prayer**

*Financial offerings support the life and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plates.*

**Offertory**

**Doxology[#609]**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table and Reading of Names

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

...With all the saints of heaven, all the people of earth, and all creation, we sing your praise and join the unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest!***

Holy God...Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

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.***

Sharing of the Bread and Cup and the Offering

*(We will be receiving communion by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Return to your seats down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten-free.)*

Prayer

**\* Hymn #326 For All the Saints**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Mike Foster

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Communion Servers: Mary Lou Clifton, Estelle McGroarty, Cindy Mackay,  
Beverly Bonning

**New Here?** Thank you for joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our church is available in the narthex, including our weekly email. We invite you to sign in on the Friendship pads found at the end of the pew, so we can greet you by name. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship, in the space we call the Green Room, which is to the west of the sanctuary. After fellowship, we have a variety of classes for all ages what you are welcome to join.



**Prayer Cards** are in the Friendship Pads, which are at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request that you would like announced during the service, please write it on the prayer card and you can place it in the plate during the collection of the offering. The Pastor will read them (unless marked private) before the Pastoral Prayer.

**Children and Worship:** Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Children's worship packets can be found in the basket outside the sanctuary doors as well as activity bags, which they can use during the service. We have created a space for children at the front of the sanctuary. Your child is welcome to use that space or remain in the pews with you.



**Today at Eastminster**

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Beverly Bonning; Sue Kalvonjian, Tom Hardenbergh

**Greeters**

Judy James and Bruce Augenstein

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given today by Mary Harvey for the glory of God.

**Church Leadership and Staff**

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham	Parish Advisor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Christian Education
Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Jadrian Tarver	Choir Director
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director
Laurin Schulz	Nursery Attendant
Audri Kocan	Nursery Attendant

**TODAY, 11/3 Communion**

Small Group	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.

**MONDAY, 11/4**

ESL Class	9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Student Dinner	6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 11/5**

**Election Day**

Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.
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**WEDNESDAY, 10/6**

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
ESL Class	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner	5:30 p.m.
Dialogues On Sexuality	6:15 p.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 11/7**

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Small Group	10:00 a.m.

**This Week at Eastminster**

*November 3 – November 10*

Presbytery Youth Mtg. 10:00 a.m.  
 Bells 6:00 p.m.  
 Choir 7:00 p.m.

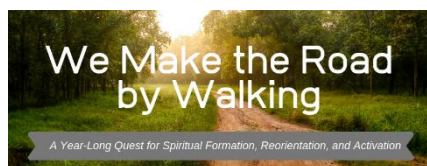
## **SATURDAY, 11/9**

Advent House 9:45 a.m.  
 Book Club 10:00 a.m.

## **SUNDAY, 11/10 Centsability**

Small Group 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship 11:00 a.m.  
 MORE 11:15 a.m.

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



**Join a Small Group:** We have a variety of small groups that will read the book, “We Make the Road by Walking” and study the scriptures together:

- **Sunday before Church:** At 9 am, before worship, you can join a small group.
- **Sunday after Church:** At 11:15am, after worship, you can join a small group to discuss the book as well as the Sunday sermon.
- **Burcham Small Group:** Tuesdays at 3 pm at Burcham Hills Retirement
- **Community.** Anyone is welcome to go over to Burcham to join in with this group.
- **Men’s Breakfast** meets each Wednesday at 8 am. They gather for food, fellowship, and study.
- **Thursday Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 10 a.m.

**Help us with our worship visual:** To mark and visualize our journey, we are creating a path throughout the

sanctuary. During the first quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Story of Creation." I'd invite you during this period to bring in or email into the office pictures, drawings, stories, or poetry of what it means to you to be alive in the story of creation. Where are you finding aliveness in creation? Your images will help make the path.

**Blog:** We have created a "We Make the Road by Walking" blog. Each week we will be asking someone from Eastminster to respond to the question found at the end of each chapter: "What one thought or idea from today's lesson especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?" Are you willing to write something? Let the office know or sign up in the Narthex. Check out the first entries here: <https://eastminsterpresbyterian.ome.blog/>

## **Traveling to the Border**

Are you interested in joining a mission trip to the U.S./Mexico border the week of May 3, 2020? The Mission Team is working with Frontera de



Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry in the sister cities of Agua Prieta,

Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. They work with churches, presbyteries, and secular organizations on both sides of the border to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."

An informational meeting will be held November 10th after worship.



## Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards! So far, we have



received 53 pledges, including 5 new ones.

If you haven't turned yours in yet, there is still time.

Return them to the

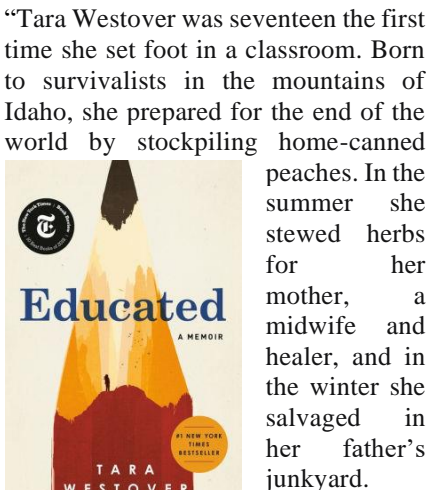
office, to Kristin or email them to [office@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:office@eastminsterchurch.org).

Thank you for your faithfulness.

## Eastminster Page Turners

The Eastminster Book club is having its last meeting of the year at 10 a.m. Nov. 9.

The book being discussed is Tara Westover's "Educated." Her website describes the book this way:



"Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches. In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that

there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when Tara's older brother became violent.

Then, lacking a formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home."

## MORE

Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

## Children's Class: We Make the Road by Walking

Our kids, ages 4 through 5th grade will have the opportunity to explore the Bible using a curriculum based off the book and the scripture readings heard on Sunday mornings. Each class time will begin by music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

## Youth and College Small Group: We Make the Road by Walking

This We Make the Road group is for youth and college students. They meet in the youth room.

## Adult Small Group: We Make the Road by Walking

This group will gather together to explore their faith through book discussion as well as what we just heard in that Sunday's sermon.

## **Let there be . . . STUFF!**

Do you ever wonder what we can do to make a positive difference in the future of the planet for the next generations? Do you sometimes think that we aren't doing a very good job as earth's stewards caring for God's creation? Do you struggle to find hope? If your answer is YES, then come be part of Eastminster's Let there be . . . STUFF! series.

## **Dialogues on Sexuality**

Join us Wednesday night for the final class of dialogues on sexuality. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the class starts at 6:15. This week's topic is "Building an ethic of sexual wholeness: Seeking a new way forward."

## **Tuesday's election**

The church serves as a polling place and will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 5 for the East Lansing city council election.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
We are Precinct 6.

# We Choose Welcome



[pcusa.org/WeChooseWelcome](http://pcusa.org/WeChooseWelcome)

[#WeChooseWelcome](https://twitter.com/WeChooseWelcome)



*In Remembrance of the Saints of Eastminster Presbyterian who joined the church triumphant since our last celebration of All Saints Day.*

Ross Lowes	February 28, 1931 – October 26, 2018
Mary Joyce Longstaff	October 14, 1931 – November 29, 2018
Edward McKay	November 18, 1922 - November 30, 2018
Beki Hardenbergh	June 4, 1920 – February 8, 2019
Marilyn Banghart	September 19, 1937 – February 25, 2019
Bruce Allen	January 27, 1938 – March 5, 2019
Thomas Gates	August 10, 1936 – August 10, 2019

## **Eastminster Prayer Concerns**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Kim Dickens  
Irene King  
Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler

*Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. Stroble.*

## **Eastminster Church Officers**

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2020**

Robin Bell  
Dave Duryea  
Mike Foster  
Neil Myer

#### **Class of 2021**

Gary Blanchard  
Mary Lou Clifton  
Mary Harvey  
Sam O'Neill

#### **Class of 2022**

Steve Dickinson  
Mike Jones  
Estelle McGroarty  
Susan Smalley

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Kristin Stroble

#### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Smalley

#### **Treasurer**

Robert Kleine

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2020**

Barbara Dalzell  
Heather Heitman  
Cindy Mackay

#### **Class of 2021**

Sherri Blanchard  
Linda Hardenbergh  
Suzanne Hunt

#### **Class of 2022**

Beverly Bonning  
Sulin Campbell  
Judy Dickinson

## **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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