



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
December 29, 2019**

**"To be alive in the adventure
of Jesus is to kneel at the
manger and gaze upon that
little baby who is radiant with
so much promise for our
world today."**

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 29, 2019

10:00 a.m.

** 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

What can't wait?

Hope for a better day.

What can't wait?

Peace and repentance, among and within us.

What can't wait?

Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.

What can't wait?

***Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator,
and love for creation.***

The wait is over.

Let us worship the Christ child!

***Hymn #140** *Once in Royal David's City*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

***God of love and compassion,
you have come into the world
and yet we have not recognized you.***

***Forgive our lack of insight
and open our eyes to see you here and now,
that we may receive your grace
through Jesus our Christ.***

(silent confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Sung Response** (#118 *Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*)

*All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease.
begin and never cease!*

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7 (*Pew Bible, page 600 - OT*)

Christmas Story "*A Walk One Winter Night*" by Al Andrews

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Christmas Hymn Sing

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[#145 *What Child Is This?*]

*What Child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;*

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***God of every good and perfect gift,
we thank you for your greatest gift,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Receive the gifts we offer now.

***Use them according to your purposes and plans,
bringing your good news of great joy to all people;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

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

*** Hymn #136 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain***

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Worship Leaders: Deacon Linda Hardenbergh and Elder Robin Bell

Children's Message: Sue Rosser

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

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. .





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: Judy Dickinson; Ruth Hartwig, Dan Dickinson

Greeters

Elaine and Allen Cable and Mary Lou Clifton

Church Leadership and Staff

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| 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 |

Staff Out of Office

Kristin Stroble and Bridgette Redman will be out of the office until January 2. Neil Myer will be out of the office until Jan. 6. Office will be open limited hours. Please call before stopping in.



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 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

This Week at Eastminster

December 29 to January 5

TODAY, 12/29

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| Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Fellowship | 11:00 a.m. |

WEDNESDAY, 1/1

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, 1/5 Communion

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| 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.

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 second quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Adventure of Jesus." I'd invite you to bring in or email to the office pictures, drawings, stories, or poetry of people or places that have formed you in your journey of faith.

MORE Classes

There are no MORE classes after worship today. Classes will resume next week, Jan. 5.

You are Invited!

Amanda Lanier and Eric Foulkrod, along with Lawson and Lehman invite you, the Eastminster congregation, to join them in a celebration of marriage on Saturday, January 18th at 5:00pm. A dessert reception will follow in the Green Room.

ESL Classes

ESL classes will be moving back to Tuesdays and Thursdays for spring semester. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Refugee Development Center or Kristin.

2019 Donations

All 2019 donations need to be in by Jan. 8. Please mark any donations for 2019 that you do not want credited to 2020.

Advent House

Don't forget that we will need volunteer cooks and servers for Advent House on Jan. 11. Please sign up in the Green Room.



Poinsettia Dedications

| Given By | In Memory Of |
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| Bruce Augenstein | Sue Augenstein |
| Barb Dalzell | John Dalzell |
| Dan and Judy Dickinson | William and Maxine Dickinson Emory and May Bates |
| Jim and Marcia Engelkes | Our parents, Matt and Mayme Hopp Bernie and Leona Engelkes |
| Tom and Linda Hardenbergh | Clayton Hardenbergh Beki Hardenbergh Ellen Grant |
| Chase and Suzanne Hunt | David S. Hunt |
| Patsy King | Doug King |
| Robert Kleine | Everett Ketchum Virginia and Harold Karandjeff |
| Irv Nichols | Christy Nichols |
| Shirley and Bill Paxton | Our son-in-law, Gary Hoffman |
| Given By | In Honor Of |
| William and Maxine Cleary | The Elders and Deacons |
| David and Mary Ann Merchant | Their Grandchildren, Sophia, Sam, Ana, Ella Jane, Vivienne and Henri |
| Bob and Mary K Nees | Their families |

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Jeffrey O'Neill
Lynn Banninga
Dave Merchant II
Kim Dickens
Irene King
Joe Walsh
Blakely Lindemuler

Eastminster Church Officers

Elders

Class of 2020

Robin Bell
Dave Duryea
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Neil Myer

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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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