



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 19, 2020

"Perhaps, by challenging us to consider impossible possibilities, these stories can stretch our imagination, and in so doing, can empower us to play a catalytic role in co-creating new possibilities for the world of tomorrow. Doesn't that sound rather...miraculous?"

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2020

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

We gather as God's beloved children-

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community-

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other-

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** *(responsive)*

Leader: We have failed.

All: We have gloated.

Leader: We have hated.

All: We have ignored.

Leader: We have raged.

All: We have hoarded.

Leader: We have judged.

All: We have turned away.

Leader: We are sorry.

All: We are exhausted.

Leader: We have done.

All: Fix us, heal us, break and remake us.

Leader: Hold us, comfort us, nurture us, revive us.

All: Resuscitate us; bring us back from brokenness and death.

Leader: We trust you are the last word on our lives, O God.

All: And we trust that word is Love.

(silent confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response [#673 Jesus, Light of Joy]**

*With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.*

***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

Choir Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

John 2:1-12 (*Pew Bible, page 87 - NT*)

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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[#605 Praise to God the Father]



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

At the wedding feast in Cana

*you gladdened the guests with divine generosity,
filled to the brim and flowing over.*

We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.

Bless them and our lives to your service,

that they may reveal your glory,

nurture faith, and live out your reign in this world. 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 #156** *Sing of God Made Manifest*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Guest Preacher: Katie North
Worship Leader: Elder Steve Dickinson
Children's Message: Mary Lou Clifton
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Credits: The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are adapted from Beth Merrill Neel (www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com). The prayer of dedication is from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1.

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: Heather Heitman; Brian Heitman, Judy James

Greeters

Dan and Judy Dickinson

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Amanda Lanier and Eric Foulkrod in honor of their wedding.

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

This Week at Eastminster

January 19 to January 26

TODAY, 1/19

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
MORE 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/20

Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.
UKirk Student Dinner 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/21

Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.
20s and 30s 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/22

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
We Make the Road Group 11:00 a.m.
UKirk 7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/23

Cultured Purls 9:00 a.m.
Bells 6:00 p.m.
Choir 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 1/26

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting 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 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.
- **Wednesday Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 11 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.

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: "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 entries here: <https://eastminsterpresbyterian.home.blog/>

Annual Meeting

Eastminster's Annual Meeting of the Congregation/ Corporation will take place on January 26th immediately following worship. This meeting is for the purpose of receiving the church's financial information, voting on the pastor's terms of call, and electing members to the Nominating Committee.

MORE

(Meaningful Opportunities for Reflection and Education)
Sundays at 11:15 am

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 with music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

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.

Practices of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God

This class features a series of short videos to be followed by engaging discussion each week. The videos are to provide ways in which the Christian community can serve

the world and at the same time be faithful to God's vision of the Peaceable Kingdom.

End-of-year donation statements

Your 2019 donations statements will be available in the Narthex on Jan. 19 and 26. Any still remaining will be mailed out on Jan. 27. If you would like a copy emailed to you, let Bridgette know in the church office.

Come Montreat with us!

Each summer, thousands of youth gather at Montreat Conference Center (one of our denomination's national conference centers) in North Carolina from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Montreat Youth Conference activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, recreation, and worship. The conference is designed for high school students and for their group leaders.

Our presbytery will have a group of rising 9th graders-graduated high school seniors attend together the week of July 12-18. We would love to see some of Eastminster's youth be part of that group this year for a week of faith formation unlike any other! Please contact Neil Myer for more information.

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
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Neil Myer

Class of 2021

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Mary Harvey
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Linda Hardenbergh
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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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