



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
February 2, 2020

"There are always multitudes at the bottom being marginalized, scapegoated, shunned, ignored, and forgotten by elites at the top. And there are always those in the middle torn between the two. To be alive in the adventure of Jesus is to stand with the multitudes, even if doing so means being marginalized, criticized, and misunderstood right along with them."

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 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

The invitation is given by Christ:

“Come to me. Follow me.”

*We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.*

In the name of Christ,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of love.

Come, let us worship together

and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

***Hymn #409** *God is Here!*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

We know what you desire for all children.

*We know that you want all your people to laugh and love and
learn and live.*

Yet we confess that our world does not fully reflect what you desire.

We confess that too many live desperate and defeated lives.

We confess that too many experience poverty, pain, and death.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us to recover our hope for your children's sake.

Help us to recover our courage for your children's sake.

Help us to recover our faith for the sake of the whole world.

(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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Luke 18:15-30

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

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

Choir Anthem

"Come to the Feast"

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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.

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

(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. There is an allergy-free bread station in the front, on the pulpit side.)

Prayer

*** Hymn #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Neil Myer

Children's Message: Sue Rosser

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Communion Servers: Susan Smalley, Sam O'Neill, Cindy Mackay, Judy Dickinson

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; Jan
Coye, Barb Stowitts

Greeters

Maxine and Bill Cleary, Sherri
Blanchard

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Judy
Dunn in honor of her husband Dr. John
Dunn.

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

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
We Make the Road Group	10:00 a.m.
Bells	6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2/9 Cents-ability

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	12:15 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:

This Week at Eastminster

February 2 through February 9

TODAY, 2/2

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

MONDAY, 2/3

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

TUESDAY, 2/4

ESOL Class	9:30 a.m.
Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/5

Men’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Small Group	11:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno’s East	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/6

- **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/>

Souper Bowl of Caring

It is the 30th year of the Souper Bowl of Caring event.

Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired, youth-led movement working with other groups across the



nation including: schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, Super Bowl.

Eastminster will collect Souper Bowl offerings today and all donations will go directly to the MSU Student Food Bank.

Women's Retreat

March 13-15

Eastminster's women are invited to join with First Presbyterian Church of Holt in a Women's Retreat. Kristin will be leading the retreat. More information will be coming soon.

Recycle carefully

Granger is now picking up a wide variety of recycling every two weeks in addition to the paper products that we recycle through Paper Gator. There is a recycling bin in the kitchen behind the door leading to the Green Room. The list of what they accept is on the recycling bin.

The other recycling bins for Paper Gator continue to accept paper products and pay us for them.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

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

Eastminster Church Officers

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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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