



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
February 16, 2020**

**"In many ways, we're all like Peter. We speak with great insight one minute and we make complete fools of ourselves the next. We're clueless about how many of our pious and popular assumptions are actually illusions. We don't know how little we know, and we have no idea how many of our ideas are wrong...But that's OK. Peter was still learning, and so are we. So let's keep walking."**

**-Brian McLaren**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 16, 2020

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**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Surely the Lord is in this place!

*Let us worship God.*

**\*Hymn #394**            *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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

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

*Almighty God, you have called us to be Christ's disciples,  
to continue his ministry to the lonely and hurting.*

*Yet, like Peter we often try to change your plans,  
sometimes out of fear,  
sometimes out of the desire to put boundaries  
to your love for all creation*

*We confess that is difficult to follow you,  
to trust in your way of love and mercy*

*Gracious God, have mercy upon us.*

*Align our desire and hopes with yours, so that we may confess  
you as Lord and witness to the cross in our life together.*

*(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**

Matthew 16:13-20 *(Pew Bible, page 17 - NT)*

### **Choir Anthem**      *Christ, the Solid Rock*

### **Reading from Scripture**

Matthew 16:21-28 *(Pew Bible, page 17 - NT)*

### **Sermon**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### **Hymn #720** *Jesus Calls Us*

### **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

### 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 #353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

### \*Charge & Benediction

### \*Postlude

Participants in today’s service:

- Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
- Worship Leader: Gary Blanchard
- Children’s Message: Mary Lou Clifton
- Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze
- Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

**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; Judy Dickinson, Ruth Hartwig

**Greeters**

Matt, Cindy, Abby and Sam Nixon

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given in honor of Betty Hall’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**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

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| Tamar Mikeladze | Organist            |
| Heather Myer    | Bell Choir Director |
| Laurin Schulz   | Nursery Attendant   |
| Audri Kocan     | Nursery Attendant   |

**This Week at Eastminster**

February 16 through February 23

**TODAY, 2/16**

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

**MONDAY, 2/17**

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

**TUESDAY, 2/18**

ESOL Class	9:30 a.m.
Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.
20s and 30s	7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, 2/19

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, 2/20

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
ESOL Class	9:30 a.m.
Bells	6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, 2/23

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Mardi Gras	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.

### Coming up in Lent:

- **Ash Wednesday Service** - February 26th at 7 pm
- **Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers** each Wednesday in Lent from 5:30 pm-6:15 pm followed by our Lenten Program on Vital Congregations, where we will reflect on who we are and how the Spirit might be leading us to grow and change. The evening will be finished by 7:30 pm. Please sign up in the Green Room.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** - April 9th at 7 pm.
- **Easter Sunday Service** - April 12th at 10 am.

### It's Mardi Gras!!!!

Join us for Mardi Gras festivities and lunch on Sunday, February 23 in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

We will have music, food and fun for the whole family. Please fill out the request for RSVPs in the bulletin and place in the collection plate or sign up in the Green Room. You can also call or email the office to let us know you are coming.

We need numbers for the food, so please let us know how many in your family will be attending by February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Concert: Strange Fruit**

Our choir director, Jadrian Tarver, and his musical group, Color Me Music, will hold a lecture music recital at Eastminster, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Titled "Strange Fruit," it will be a lecture recital on "Overcoming Racial Battle Fatigue Through Music" featuring music from the African diaspora and students of Color Me Music.

### **ESOL Classes at Eastminster**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9 am-11:30 am

Eastminster, in partnership with the Refugee Development Center, hosts ESOL Classes.

**WE NEED YOU.** We have had a wonderful turnout of students and we need more volunteers to help them learn.

### **MLK Breakfast**

Action of Greater Lansing will be hosting the 11th Annual Fellowship Breakfast Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The breakfast is Monday, Feb. 17. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. It is being held at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Lansing.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

### **50th Annual Interfaith Day**

50 Years of Interfaith will include presentations by representatives from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Muslim, and Baha'i faiths about how each of the faiths has changed or evolved in the face of social and technological changes and a retrospective about Interfaith Day over the years.

Tickets are \$12 each and include a vegetarian lunch.

Where: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1701 E. Saginaw, Lansing

When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For tickets: The committee also asks for a donation of a box of nutritious cereal for the Lansing Food Bank. For questions call Maxine Cleary 351-2399. Deadline for ticket requests is Monday, Feb. 17.

### **20s and 30s Get-Together**

Our 20s and 30s group is meeting this Tuesday at Punk Taco in East Lansing. Everyone in that age group is welcome to come for fellowship and fun at 7 p.m.

## **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**

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2020**

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Neil Myer

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Mary Harvey  
Sam O'Neill

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#### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Smalley

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Linda Hardenbergh  
Suzanne Hunt

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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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