



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
February 23, 2020

do not worry  
peacemakers  
salt of the earth  
do not judge  
eye for an eye  
poor in spirit  
children of God  
alms  
persecuted  
cannot serve God and wealth  
Sermon on the Mount  
righteousness  
light of the world  
love your enemies  
good fruit  
narrow gate  
law  
Blessed  
merciful  
least  
kingdom of heaven  
treasures in heaven  
meek  
pray

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 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**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers.

*But their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and on the law they meditate day and night.*

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

*In all that they do, they prosper.*

Let us worship God together.

### **Opening Prayer**

**First Reading**        Matthew 5:1-12 *(Pew Bible, page 4 – NT)*

**\*Hymn #172**        *Blest Are They*

**Second Reading**    Matthew 5:13-20 *(Pew Bible, page 4 – NT)*

### **Children's Message**

**Third Reading**        Matthew 5:21-37 *(Pew Bible, pages 4-5 – NT)*

**Hymn #444***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive***Fourth Reading***Matthew 5:38-48 (Pew Bible, page 5 – NT)***Hymn #753***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***Fifth Reading***Matthew 6:1-6 (Pew Bible, page 5 – NT)***Hymn #429***As a Chalice Cast of Gold***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****Sixth Reading***Matthew 6:7-15 (Pew Bible, page 5 – NT)*

## **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.*

**Seventh Reading**     Matthew 6:16-24 (*Pew Bible, page 6 – NT*)

**Hymn #711**             *Lord of All Good*

**Eighth Reading**     Matthew 6:25-34 (*Pew Bible, page 6 – NT*)

**Solo**                    *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

**Ninth Reading**        Matthew 7:1-12 (*Pew Bible, pages 6-7 – NT*)

**Hymn #175**            *Seek Ye First*

**Tenth Reading**        Matthew 7:13-27 (*Pew Bible, page 7 – NT*)

**\*Hymn #321**            *The Church's One Foundation*

**\*Eleventh Reading**   Matthew 7:28-29

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Gary Blanchard

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Soloist: Paulè Jackson

Readers: Jim Robertson, Claire Johnston, Norm Mackay, Robin Bell, Jeff Lapinski, Thomas Corner, Linda Hardenbergh, Sam O'Neill

**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: Cindy Mackay; Jeff Lapinski, Bob Nees

### **Greeters**

Tom and Linda Hardenbergh

### **Flowers**

The flowers today are given to 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

### **This Week at Eastminster**

*February 23 through March 1*

#### **TODAY, 2/23**

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

#### **MONDAY, 2/24**

All Staff Meeting	1:00 p.m.
UKirk Student Dinner	6:15 p.m.
Strange Fruit Recital	7:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, 2/25**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, 2/26**

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 p.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, 2/27**

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
ESOL Class	9:30 a.m.
Bells	6:00 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 3/1</b>	
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*

## **Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations and Labyrinth**

The church will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday for self-guided prayer stations. The labyrinth will be set up in the Green Room for anyone wishing to spend meditative prayer time.

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

A reflective service of communion and imposition of ashes will be held February 26th at 7 pm.

## **Lenten Program and Soup and Salad Suppers**

Our Lenten program will be on Vital Congregations, where we will reflect on who we are and how the Spirit might be leading us to grow and change. The series will run from March 4 to April 15 every Wednesday with dinner from 5:30 pm-6:15 pm followed by our Lenten Program. The evening will be finished by 7:30 pm. Please sign up in the Green Room for each week you plan to attend and whether you can bring food.

## **Ashes To Go: Taking Church Outside**

On Ash Wednesday, starting at 8:30 am, we will offer ashes to go at the top of our driveway. This is a way for people to discover God in the midst of daily life, receive a moment of grace as they go about their day, and a reminder that God does not forget us even if aren't in church.

Where are people when they aren't in church? Many are going to work or picking up kids, doing chores, living over-scheduled lives. Ashes to Go brings worship outside of our building. As people walk or drive by, if they desire, we will offer a prayer for them and the imposition of ashes.

Would you like to help Kristin and Neil with this offering? Email or call the church - we would love folks from our congregation to take part in this outreach. Want to learn more about this movement? Check out this

website: <https://ashestogo.org>



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

Join us for Mardi Gras festivities and lunch today in

Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

We will have music, food and fun for the whole family

## **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.



## **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.

## **New Bookmarks!**

We're about to start the second  
half of the "We Make the Road  
by Walking" study. There are  
new laminated bookmarks in the  
Green Room to assist with your  
studies.

## **Lenten Devotionals**

"Becoming a Beloved Community:  
A Matthew 25 Journey to the  
Cross" is the Presbyterian Church  
Lenten devotional this year. Copies  
of it will be available in the  
Narthex.

## **Eastminster Prayer Concerns**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

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**

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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