



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 25, 2018

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Transfiguration of the Lord

LENT EASTER PENTECOST

TRINITY

ORDINARY TIME

CHRIST THE KING

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King

November 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.*

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

Introduction to Today's Service

*Hymn #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Children's Sermon

Seasons of the Church Chant and Description:

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent

Easter, Pentecost, seasons of the church.

Advent, he's coming, prepare ye the way

Christmas, "gloria in excelsis" angels sang

Epiphany, wise men, he came for human kind

Lent - Jesus crucified for all (2,3,4)

Easter, he's risen. Like Christ, we, too shall rise

Pentecost, the Spirit, tongues of fire descend from heaven

Celebration, jubilation there's Good News to tell

Be joyful, be faithful, through the seasons of the

church.

The Season of Advent

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ: preparation to celebrate Jesus' birth and to await with hope

Christ's coming in final victory. The word Advent comes from the Latin "*adventus*," which means "coming."

Dates: Advent is the four weeks, including the four Sundays, before Christmas Day.

Color: The color is purple, which symbolizes both penitence and royalty.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 (*Pew Bible, pages 627-628 - OT*)

Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas

The Christmas Season is the time of celebration, thanksgiving, and praise for God present with us in Jesus Christ. Christmas Day was first celebrated on December 25th in Rome sometime between 336 and 354 C.E. A pagan winter solstice festival, the birthday of the unconquered sun, was already celebrated on December 25th. Christians adopted that date and transformed the customs to celebrate the birth of the Son of God.

Dates: Christmas Season begins with Christmas Eve and continues through the day of Epiphany, January 6th.

Color: White

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 (*Pew Bible, page 54 - NT*)

Hymn #114 *Away in a Manger*

Epiphany of the Lord

The word Epiphany is from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means "manifestation." On the day of Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus being revealed to the world and the visit of the wise men, the first Gentiles to whom he was made known.

Date: Epiphany is January 6th, but when it falls on a weekday, churches often celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday before or after.

Color: White

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Pew Bible, page 649 - OT*)

Hymn #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is a festival that takes place during the time after Epiphany. On this day and Transfiguration we hear God's voice claiming Jesus as God's beloved son. Jesus' ministry to bring God's rule is inaugurated in his baptism. We remember on this day, not only Jesus' baptism, but also our own.

Date: The first Sunday after Epiphany

Color: White

Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-11 (*Pew Bible, pages 32-33 - NT*)

Hymn #164 *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*

Transfiguration of the Lord

Transfiguration Sunday celebrates the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the devouring fire of the glory of the LORD at Mount Sinai (Exodus 24.17). Here, as at Jesus' baptism, God claims him as a beloved child, in whom God is well pleased.

Date: The Sunday immediately prior to Ash Wednesday

Color: White

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-7 (*Pew Bible, pages 41-42 - NT*)

Hymn #189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* (stanzas 1,2,5)

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, which means “spring,” the time of the lengthening of days. At first Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. Eventually, Lent became a time of reflection and self-examination for all Christians.

Dates: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter. Lent lasts forty days, not counting Sundays. Sundays aren’t counted because Sunday always celebrates Jesus’ victory over sin and death.

Color: Purple, a royal color that signifies penitence and preparation.

Scripture Reading Mark 8:34-37 (*Pew Bible, page 41 - NT*)

Hymn #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (stanza 1)

Palm/Passion Sunday

Date: The Sunday before Easter

Color: Purple

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-2, 6-9 (*Pew Bible, page 21 -NT*)

Hymn #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (stanza 2)

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days, or Triuum. It remembers the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. The word Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means command. We remember Jesus' command to love one another.

Date: The Thursday before Easter

Color: Purple

Scripture Reading Mark 14:22-25 (*Pew Bible, page 48 - NT*)

Hymn #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (*stanza 4*)

Good Friday

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. Many wonder why use the word "good" on this horrific day, when God's son is killed. In Old English usage good meant "of God." Good Friday is God's Friday, because Jesus' death shows God's salvation. The hours of noon to 3 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life.

Date: The Friday before Easter

Color: The sanctuary is either void of decoration and color or black is used.

Scripture Reading Mark 15:33-39 (*Pew Bible, page 51 - NT*)

Call to Confession

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against God and one another. In the silence let us confess the ways we fail to live up to God's commands.

Silence for individual prayer and meditation

Declaration of God's Grace

Resurrection of the Lord

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. At this season we celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection and ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter and on the Day of Pentecost.

Date: Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. Easter can be any time from March 22 through April 25.

Color: White

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8 (*Pew Bible, page 51 - NT*)

*Hymn #232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (stanzas 1,2,4)

Day of Pentecost

Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter, comes from the Greek word for fiftieth, *pentekoste*. The book of Acts tells how the anxious and fearful disciples were gathered to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Suddenly they were filled with the Holy Spirit and thereafter preached boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Date: The fiftieth day after Easter

Color: Red, the color of fire, representing the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-13 (*Pew Bible, page 111 - NT*)

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 “Grace”

*Doxology [#606 Old Hundredth]

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ’s name. Amen.

Trinity Sunday

On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One. The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

Date: The first Sunday after Pentecost

Color: White

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is what we call the periods in between Epiphany and Lent, and between Pentecost and Advent.

Color: Green

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (*Pew Bible, page 581 - OT*)

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/Pastoral Prayer/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.

Christ the King

The last Sunday of the Christian Year celebrates the coming reign of Jesus Christ!

Date: The Sunday before Advent

Color: White

Scripture Reading Psalm 93 (*Pew Bible, page 519 - OT*)

*Hymn #268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Charge and Benediction

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Turn to your neighbors and say, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

*Postlude

Worship Note: Many of the descriptions presented today are quoted from <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/> or The Companion to the Book of Common Worship, Bower, ed., Geneva Press, 2003.

Seasons of the Church Year Chant, composed for children and youth choirs. West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey, Rev. Shirley L. Paxton

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Norm Mackay

Children's Message: Rev. Shirley Paxton

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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 across from the sanctuary. After fellowship we have a variety of classes for all ages that 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 bulletins can be found 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; Bob Nees,
Jeff Lapinski

Laurin Schulz
Emma Giles

Nursery Attendant
Nursery Attendant

Greeters

Elaine and Ellen Cable, Jean Graham

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Terry
Graham in memory of Andy Havlatka.

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham Parish Advisor
Rev. Shirley Paxton Parish Advisor
Neil Myer Director of Discipleship
Bridgette Redman Office Administrator
Jadrian Tarver Choir Director
Tamar Mikeladze Organist
Heather Myer Bell Choir Director

This Week at Eastminster

November 25 – December 2

TODAY, 11/25

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

MONDAY, 11/26

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.
CE Meeting 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 11/27

Mission Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 1:00 p.m.
Homekirkin

WEDNESDAY, 11/28

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11/29

Bell Choir	6:00 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

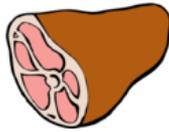
SUNDAY, 12/2

Worship and Communion	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.*

EASTMINSTER CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS FOR SALVATION ARMY CLIENTS - 2018

Once again, this year Eastminster is committed to serve financially stressed families in the Greater Lansing Area by providing 20 families with baskets that will serve a family of six with the makings of a nice Christmas dinner. Look for upcoming details in the Green Room including baskets, grocery lists, and other help needed to make this annual event the success it has been for the last several years. You may drop off your baskets on Monday, Dec. 10 during business hours (please refrigerate perishables). We will be collecting the food baskets in the kitchen on the morning of December 11, 2018 and delivering them to the Salvation Army at 10:00 a.m. that day.



Contact Sam O'Neill with questions: 243-2669

Weekly Bible Studies

Join us for one of two Bible studies this week. The 1 p.m. Tuesday Bible study is open to all. Men's Breakfast is at 8 a.m. Wednesdays. This week's verses are Luke 21:25-36, Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

Trivia at Reno's East

Our Merrie Mynsters are on the verge of qualifying for the upcoming Top 20 tournament. Come give them a hand every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Reno's East.

DRAW NEAR – Advent 2018

Our theme for Advent this year is "Draw Near." Each Sunday we will be focusing on a different aspect of that. Each week we would like to display images that reflect the theme. **Please bring in pictures or images** that come to mind for you for the words wonder, truth, justice, one another:



- Draw Near to Wonder (Dec. 2)
- Draw Near to Truth (Dec. 9)
- Draw Near to Justice (Dec. 16)
- Draw Near to One Another (Dec. 23)

Please bring these images in at least one week before we explore this theme in worship. There will be baskets in the Green Room to collect them.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Joe Walsh
Blakely Lindemuler
Jeri Augenstein

Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. Stroble.

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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