



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
October 28, 2018

SUDDENLY  
ALL MY ANCESTORS  
ARE BEHIND ME.  
"BE STILL" THEY  
SAY.  
WATCH AND LISTEN.  
YOU ARE THE  
RESULT  
OF THE LOVE OF  
THOUSANDS"

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Celebration of All Saint's Day

October 28, 2018

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 together to remember and honor the saints who have gone before us: both famous and historic saints, and ordinary, personal saints.

***We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.***

We gather today as bereaved and grieving people, as hopeful and healing people.

***We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.***

We gather today to proclaim once again the mysteries of faith and our faith in the God of mystery.

***We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.***

We stand at the threshold of life and death, pulling back the veil between heaven and earth.

***We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.***

Come, let us gather for worship surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, those who have run the course before us and through whom God's light has shone.

***Let us worship the God of life and love.***

**\*Hymn #612**      *We Praise You, O God*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Beloved God, known to our mothers and fathers, to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn, and help us to know that in life and in death we belong to you.*

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Declaration of God’s Grace**

**\*Congregational Response [Glory to God #583]**

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). Above the staff are the chords Dm, Gm, C, and F, with an asterisk above the first Dm chord and the text '(chords continue)' above the F chord. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff is the lyrics: 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. There are asterisks above the first and third measures of the second staff.

**Children’s Sermon**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from Scripture**

Revelation 7:9-17

*(Pew Bible, page 235 - NT)*

**Choir Anthem** We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

## Reading from Scripture

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

(Pew Bible, pages 480-481 - OT)

**Sermon**      A Balcony of Saints

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #432**    *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

#### **All Saints Litany**

Eternal God,  
our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
*we praise you for the saints of all times and places  
who have walked the road of faith  
before us and beside us.*

For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice, for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance, we give you thanks and praise.

**Hymn #731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm*  
*Verse 1*

God of all creation,  
*we praise you for all your servants  
who have witnessed to your truth,  
who have shown us your love,  
who have inspired us to have hope.*

By their example of faith, hope and love,  
remind us of your calling to join in making your new creation real in this world and the next.

**Hymn #731**      *Verse 2*

God of grace and peace,  
*we praise you for people everywhere  
who reflect your love into our world.*

Guide us to continue their faithful work

as we too walk in the light of your love.

**Hymn #731**      *Verse 3*

God of all saints, today we especially remember the saints from among this community who have departed our company over the last year:

*Abe Leinbach*

*Betty Cobb*

We thank you for their courage amidst strife and their hope in the face of death.

We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us, who continue to surround us, moving gently in our hearts and minds.

We name them now aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

Eternal God,

*as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm, our hope clear and our love pure,*

that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn #731**      *Verse 4*

**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[#694]

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness,  
the daily bread we share.*

*How can we hope to thank you?*

*Our praise is but a start:*

*sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **Prayers of the People and 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 #326

*For All the Saints*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Mary Lou Clifton

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Handbell Director: Heather Myer

**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) during the Prayers of the People.

**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

**Greeters**

Bill and Maxine Cleary

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Terry Graham for Reformation Sunday and Fred Graham's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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
Laurin Schulz	Nursery Attendant
Emma Giles	Nursery Attendant

**This Week at Eastminster**

*October 28 – November 4*

**TODAY, 10/28**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.
Fall Festival	3:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 10/29**

Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
CE Meeting	6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 10/30**

Mission Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Weekly Bible Study	1:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 10/31**

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 11/1**

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Finance & Admin Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, 11/3</b>	
Book Club	10:00 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 11/4, Communion, UKirk</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.*



**October Mission Project**

Every month at Eastminster we collect items to support the needs of our Christian

Service mission partners for their various ministry projects. Please give as you are able, no donation is too small. Items are collected on the ledge in the Green Room. If you would like to give money instead of making these purchases, please leave a check marked "Monthly Mission" either in the Church Office, or place in the lockbox outside the Office. Your donations are tax deductible.

**OCTOBER--**We will continue to collect winter coats that are in good condition with working zippers. We also need hats, mittens, and scarves.

**Trivia Night at Reno's East at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Join church members for a night of trivia and fellowship at Reno's every Wednesday.



**Join us for MORE!**

There are four classes immediately following fellowship time:

*An Illustrated Invitation:* (preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Jesus' encounter with Zaccheus teaches us that we need to treat everyone with respect and care.

*Faith 101:* (middle and high schoolers, college students, parents and confirmation mentors) This week's class returns to the Book of Confessions, talking about the creeds and what they mean to us as Presbyterians.

*Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis:* This week will focus on issues of race and bias that underlie America's relationship with immigrants and refugees.

*Sermon Discussion:* Come discuss the saints that have inspired your life and the ways they encourage us in our walk with God.

**Stewardship 2019**

Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge cards! If you haven't, there is still time. Please turn them into the office as soon as possible. Contact the church office if you need an extra card. Thank you for your generosity!



**Weekly Bible Studies**

Join us for our weekly Bible studies, led by Pastor Kristin. We study the scripture passages that will be used in worship the following Sunday.

The scriptures for Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are Mark 2:1-12, Matthew 9:1-8, Luke 5:17-26, Isaiah 43:18-25, Psalm 103.



Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. - Open to all

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

**Advent Banners--Creative People Needed**

Would you enjoy making a Christmas gift to the congregation that would be displayed throughout Advent for years to come? We are offering a creative, fun, community building project that doesn't require special skill, BUT does need many hands! If you can cut with scissors, trace a pattern and/or facilitate a work session, PLEASE sign up in the Green Room or contact Brenda Ramsby (517-281-2718).



There will be multiple times to drop in and create: Monday or Wednesday at 10 a.m. or Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.. For the first few sessions there will be a facilitator to guide you. Once you're comfortable with your task, drop in whenever the church is open (be sure to check in at office). TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE since we need to complete this by the first Sunday of Advent.



**Follow Eastminster on Facebook.** We are under Eastminster Presbyterian Church East Lansing. Updates, reminders, and



other information is posted regularly. Stay informed! Please "like", comment or share our posts to ensure they show up regularly in your

timeline. When you share our post, it is also a great way to reach out to your family and friends who may be looking for a church home. If the church is closed due to weather, it will be listed on our Facebook page and website.

**Are Eastminster's Facebook posts not showing up in your feed?** Try going to the site and under the banner, click on "Following." Then check "See First." This will make sure that you always see Eastminster's posts in your feed.

**We Choose Welcome** is an awareness campaign of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

which is an expression of personal and



corporate commitment to welcome refugees and immigrants into our communities. The phrase stems from a [statement](#) made by former Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Gradye Parsons, in which he urged us to "Choose Welcome, Not Fear."

To welcome others is a central value of the Christian faith, shared by most of the world's religions. The call to welcome the stranger is so common in the Bible that one must wonder if it is so oft repeated because of its importance, or because we are so quick to disregard it. In this time of great global and domestic conflict, perhaps both are true.

- In the midst of fear of terrorism and radicalism, we choose to welcome those who flee from terror and tyranny.
- In the midst of hate speeches and hate crimes, we choose to welcome those who are rejected because of their skin color or their foreign dress.
- In the midst of anxiety about our own economic prosperity, we choose to welcome those who come from distant lands to labor in our fields and our warehouses.
- In the midst of political debates which seek to divide us between those who are born here and those who are not, we choose welcome, a welcome for all children of God, proclaiming one household.

We are pleased to make We Choose Welcome signs available for use in your church yard, your home, and around your community. May they serve as an outward expression of the welcome you already practice and as a daily reminder to live up to our common mission to welcome the stranger. Sign up for your sign in the Green Room.

We know there is much work to be done to create a welcoming political and social climate for refugees in the U.S., and that the scale of the problem can be daunting. By building relationships across cultures and lifting our voices in the public square, we can make good on the promise that our welcome signs proclaim.

Sunday, October 28th from 3-5pm

# Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Food, Games, Candy, and More

## FALL FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT

Oh come, come, come, come, come to the church in the meadow... On Sunday, October 28, your Community Life Committee is hosting a Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat event.

We're hoping you, your kids and grandkids and our city neighbors will join us for food, treats and fun. This is a time for all of us to pop open the trunks of our cars and hand out candy to the kids we love as well as new ones we'll meet. We will have a rip-roaring time from 3-5 pm.

You can expect a yummy sloppy joe with the trimmings as well as cider and donuts. There will be games, as well as a time to sit and chat. It won't be nearly as much fun unless you're there.



Trunk or Treat



## **Eastminster Prayer Concerns**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Ross Lowes  
Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler  
Dave Merchant II  
Jeri Augenstein

## **Eastminster Church Officers**

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2019**

Brian Heitman  
Norm Mackay  
Brenda Ramsby  
Barbara Stowitts

#### **Class of 2020**

Robin Bell  
Beverly Bonning  
Dave Duryea  
Mike Foster

#### **Class of 2021**

Gary Blanchard  
Mary Lou Clifton  
Mary Harvey  
Sam O'Neill

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Kristin Stroble

#### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Smalley

#### **Treasurer**

Robert Kleine

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2019**

Estelle McGroarty  
Sue Kalvonjian  
Heather Myer

#### **Class of 2020**

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Heather Heitman  
Cindy Mackay

#### **Class of 2021**

Sherri Blanchard  
Linda Hardenbergh  
Suzanne Hunt

## **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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