



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
November 17, 2019





# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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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**

Voice 1: "Come," says the Lord. "All you who are thirsty, come to the waters."

Voice 2: "Come. Here there is bread and wine for your soul."

Voice 1: "Come," says the Lord, "come be my people, and I will be your God."

**People:**    ***We are your people. You are our God.***

Voice 2: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord!

**People:**    ***Let us worship God!***

**\*Hymn #475**            *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### **Call to Confession**

We enter a time of confession, knowing that our God is merciful and loving. Many names are ascribed to God - Creator, Shepherd, Mother. On the green post-it note write down a word of who God is to you. (silence)

Trusting in God's care, let us confess our sins.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Shepherding God, we confess that while we say you provide for our needs, we don't always choose to live that way. We proclaim "I shall not want," yet constantly make wish lists of material goods and accumulate stuff we don't need. We fail to express our

gratitude for what you have provided. On the blue post-it note write down something you need. (silence)

Calling God, we confess that while we ask you to lead us down your path, there are places we don't want to go and people we don't want to interact with. On the orange post-it note write down a scary place and people whom you fear. (silence)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

We are promised that God's love and goodness will be with us always. God comforts us, forgives us and invites us to start anew. On the red post-it note write down something that is comforting to you. (silence)

Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. As we stand in body or spirit to sing together we invite you to bring or send your responses forward.

**\*Congregational Response #743** O God, You Are My God

### **\*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**

**Bell Choir Anthem** "Pastorale (Psalm 23)"

### **Reading from Scripture**

Psalm 23 (*Pew Bible, pages 474-475 - OT*)

### **Reflections on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Christ said, "I am the Bread of Life."

*Our belief in Christ gives us nourishment for living.*

Christ said, "Before Abraham was, I am."

*Our belief in him means we understand Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises.*

Christ said, "I am the gate."

*Our belief in Christ shows us who God is and continually calls us out into the world.*

Christ said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

*Our belief in Jesus signifies that we will follow him and live under his protection.*

Christ said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

*Our belief in that grants us eternal life, knowing he laid down his life for us.*

Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

*Our belief in him gives us direction, true understanding, and freedom from sin.*

Christ said, "I am the true vine."

*Our belief in him gives us purpose and a divine connection to our Savior.*

We all have our differences, but we proclaim these truths just as Christ proclaimed them to his followers.

*We believe Jesus is our living Lord, who nourishes, shines, fulfills, calls, protects, saves, directs, and frees us. Amen!*

## **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[#609]

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*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 #547 *Go My Children, with My Blessing*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude

### Participants in today's service:

Worship Leaders: UKirk participants

Children's Message: UKirk participants

UKirk Campus Minister and Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze  
Bell Choir 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 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; Barb Stowitts, Sue Kalvonjian

### Greeters

Judy Dickinson and Sue Miller

### Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Maxine Cleary honoring the birthdays of Bill Cleary on Nov. 13 and Michael Cleary on Nov. 28.

### 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

*November 17 to November 24*

#### **TODAY, 11/17**

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| Small Group | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Worship     | 10:00 a.m. |
| Fellowship  | 11:00 a.m. |
| MORE        | 11:15 a.m. |

#### **MONDAY, 11/18**

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| ESL Class            | 9:30 a.m. |
| UKirk Student Dinner | 6:00 p.m. |

#### **TUESDAY, 11/19**

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| Burcham Small Group | 3:00 p.m. |
| 20s and 30s         | 7:00 p.m. |

#### **WEDNESDAY, 11/20**

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| Men's Breakfast | 8:00 a.m. |
| ESL Class       | 9:30 a.m. |

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| UKirk                  | 7:30 p.m.  |
| Trivia at Reno's East  | 8:00 p.m.  |
| <b>THURSDAY, 11/21</b> |            |
| Cultured Purls         | 9:00 a.m.  |
| We Make the Road Group | 10:00 a.m. |
| Bells                  | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Choir                  | 7:00 p.m.  |

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| <b>SUNDAY, 11/24</b> |            |
| Small Group          | 9:00 a.m.  |
| 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*

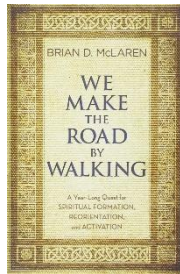
### Staff Out of Office

Kristin Stroble will be out of the office from Nov. 13 to Nov. 21 on vacation.



**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 before Church:** At 9 am, before worship, you can join a small group.
- **Sunday after Church:** At 11:15 am, 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.
- **Thursday Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 10 a.m.

### Help us with our worship

**visual:** During the first quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Story of Creation." I'd invite you during this period to bring in or email into the office pictures, drawings, stories, or poetry of what it means to you to be alive in the story of creation.



**Blog:** Each week we will be asking someone from Eastminster to respond to the question found at the end of each chapter: "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/>



## Coming soon...

We are drawing to the close of Part 1: Alive in the Story of Creation. The next part begins on Dec. 1 with "Alive in the Adventure of Jesus." We will kick off with an All Church Lunch and Advent event.

Activities will include receiving star words, walking a labyrinth, and prayer stations.

### Time with UKirk Students

This Sunday is UKirk Sunday. The congregation is invited to stay after worship today to learn more about UKirk's ongoing ministry and mission. There will be time to interact with student participants and hear what impact this ministry has had on them. Please join us in the Green Room for this special time.



### New MORE class starts next week

Starting November 24th, our second adult class will be "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." Through a book and DVD by Adam Hamilton, we'll look deeper at the biblical story of Jesus' birth.

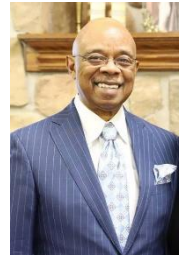
## 20s and 30s

Are you in your 20s or 30s? If so, we hope you know there is a group for you at Eastminster that meets every third Tuesday of the month.

This month's group will meet at Boston's at 7 p.m. on this Tuesday, Nov. 19. For more information, contact Heather Myer.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 25th 7:00pm

This year's service will be hosted at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing (5509 South Pennsylvania, Lansing). The worship service will feature the Rev. Melvin T. Jones of Union Missionary Baptist Church and the Salus Center Choir.





## **Trip to the U.S./Mexico Border**

May 4-9, 2020

Douglas Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico

Thank you to all those who attended the information session on Sunday. We are proceeding forward with the trip. We will be partnering with Frontera de Cristo for this immersion learning experience. You can find more information on their website, [www.fronteradecristo.org](http://www.fronteradecristo.org). Please be in prayerful discernment if you'd like to be part of this trip and feel free to contact Kristin Stroble for more information. We are asking for a commitment as well as a deposit of \$250 by December 30th.

The approximate total cost is 1,000, but there will be scholarships available. We are hoping to have a mix of Eastminster folks and UKirk students with a limit of 14 participants.

You must have a valid passport. We will fly into Tucson International Airport. We will stay in dorm rooms in a Presbyterian Church in Agua Prieta.

Frontera de Cristo translates to “Christ’s Border,” and it is a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona.

This will be an immersion learning experience with goals to:

- Form relationships
- Build understanding of our spiritual, political, and economic connections across borders
- Challenge participants to understand the realities of life on the border
- Provide participants with enough knowledge of Frontera de Cristo to be able to interpret their mission and ministry

- Reflect and act biblically and theologically on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus when borders divide.

On their website, they describe their mission education program:

“Frontera de Cristo’s **Mission Education Ministry** focuses on building relationships and understanding across borders. We have facilitated the crossing of borders for more than 400 persons a year who wish to enter into relationship with their sisters and brothers in Mexico. These trips and the insight gained help churches, presbyteries, seminaries, and individuals reflect and act biblically and theologically on what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ when borders divide.

Their staff and board of directors are made up of people from both sides of the border. “We are called to work together across national boundaries to address our common concerns as sisters and brothers equally created in the image of God. We believe that as we seek solutions, we should do so with the broadest base.”



## Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Irene King  
Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler

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

## Eastminster Church Officers

### Elders

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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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