



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 24, 2019

"It's important for us to remain humble as we read the Bible, not to seek ammunition for the side of an argument we already stand on, but to seek the wisdom that comes when we listen humbly to all the different voices arising in the biblical library...to be alive is to seek wisdom in this great conversation...and to keep it going today."

- Brian McLaren



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 24, 2019

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 *(based on Isaiah 2:3,5)*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that we may learn God's ways

and that we may walk in God's paths.

Come, O House of Jacob,

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

***Hymn #667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised.*

Except when we forget about you,

or believe we have more important matters to consider.

We confess that some days our praise echoes to the rafters,

while we ignore our neighbors,

pass by the poor,

and overlook the lonely.

Teach us to praise you with heart and voice,

and also with relationships that are compassionate,

and actions that are just.

Silent Prayer

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***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

Choir Anthem *How Beautiful*

Reading from Scripture

The Living God is with us!

And with all creation!

Isaiah 1:1-20 (*Pew Bible, pages 592-593 - OT*)

May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbors, all people, and all creation.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #346 *For the Healing of the Nations*

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 blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures
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 #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Beverly Bonning

Organist: 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: Linda Hardenbergh; Bob Nees, Jeff Lapinski, Norm Mackay

Greeters

Cindy and Matt Nixon, Tom Hardenbergh

Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Chase and Suzanne Hunt in honor of 65 years of marriage.

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 24 to December 1

TODAY, 11/24

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

MONDAY, 11/25

ESL Class 9:30 a.m.
Full Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.
UKirk Student Dinner 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 11/26

Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11/27

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 11/28

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, 11/17 UKirk Sunday

Small Group	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
All Church Lunch	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 before Church:** At 9 am, before worship, you can join a small group.
- **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.
- **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: To mark and visualize our

journey, we are creating a path throughout the sanctuary. 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: We have created a "We Make the Road by Walking" 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://eastminsterpresbyteria.n.home.blog/>

New MORE class starts today

Starting today, 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.

Advent Event

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.

Missions: Holiday Baskets

Eastminster Presbyterian Church has offered to provide 15 food baskets for needy families in the Lansing area.

We are asking for volunteers to fill baskets with specific items. If you are willing to help fill one of the baskets, please pick up a white basket in the Green Room (the basket has the list of requested items), and sign your name on the clipboard. If you are willing to provide \$20 for one of the hams that will be included in each basket, please indicate your commitment on the sign-up sheet.

And finally, we will be delivering the baskets to the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 10. Thus, we need to have the filled baskets to the church by **Monday December 9**. If you are willing to help deliver the baskets on Tuesday, December 10, please note this on the sign up-sheet.

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

We will be partnering with Frontera de Cristo for this immersion learning experience. You can find more information on their [website](http://www.fronteradecristo.org), 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.

Study Hours for Final Exams

Eastminster will be open for students preparing for final exams for several days. We will be scheduling hospitality hosts for different blocks of time as well as those willing to provide supper at 6 p.m. on the following dates. Contact Neil Myer for more information or sign up in the Green Room.

Saturday, Dec. 7, noon to 6 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 9 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 10 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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

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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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