



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 26, 2020

"Jesus loved to teach through finely crafted works of short fiction called parables... He knew that most adults quickly sort messages into either/or categories - agree/disagree, like/dislike, familiar/strange. In so doing, they react and argue without actually hearing and thinking about what is being said. His parables drew his hearers into deeper thought by engaging their imagination and by inviting interpretation."

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2020

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

Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time,
be with us in this time.

Savior of the world, healer of the nations,
be with us in this place.

Breath of all that lives, of people near and far,
stir within our lives.

Creator-Savior-Spirit, God of here and now,
*be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways to be present in your world.*

***Hymn #19** *God of Great and God of Small*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.

We would be saintlike – good soil, holy, patient, loving.

*But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of rocks,
failures, selfish, mean.*

*Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed,
and trying, and failing, and succeeding.*

In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished.

Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray.

(silent confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response** [#673 Jesus, Light of Joy]

*With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.*

***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

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Mark 4:1-34 (*Pew Bible, pages 35-36 - NT*)

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #171 *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*

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

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 #36 For the Fruit of All Creation

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Katie North
Children's Message: Robin Bell
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

*Credits: The prayer of confession is adapted from Beth Merrill Neel
(www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com)*

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: Cindy Mackay; Jeff Lapinski, Bob Nees

Greeters

Donnie and Sharon Reinhard, Sue Rosser

Flowers

The flowers today are given for 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

January 26 to February 2

TODAY, 1/26

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/27

Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.

UKirk Student Dinner 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/28

Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/29

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

We Make the Road Group 11:00 a.m.

UKirk 7:30 p.m.

Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/30

Cultured Purls 9:00 a.m.

Bells 6:00 p.m.

Choir 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2/2

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Meeting

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

Help us with our worship

visual: To mark and visualize our journey, we are creating a path throughout the sanctuary. During the second quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Adventure of Jesus." I'd invite you to bring in or email to the office pictures, drawings, stories, or poetry of people or places that have formed you in your journey of faith.

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: "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/>

Annual Meeting

Eastminster's **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation/ Corporation will take place today immediately following worship. This meeting is for the purpose of receiving the church's financial information, voting on the pastor's terms of call, and electing members to the Nominating Committee. The annual reports are in the Narthex.

ESOL Classes

ESOL classes have begun. They are taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for spring semester. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Refugee Development Center or Kristin. Classes start this week.

New Adult Class!

Practices of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God

This class features a series of short videos to be followed by engaging discussion each week. The videos are to provide ways in which the Christian community can serve the world and at the same time be faithful to God's vision of the Peaceable Kingdom.

- Jan 26th: Citizenship as Cruciformity
- Feb 2nd: Citizenship as Justice Work
- Feb 9th: Citizenship as Love for Land
- Feb 16th: Citizenship as Relating to the Other
- Feb 23th: Citizenship as the Image of God

Flower 2020 sign-up

Would you like to honor someone or dedicate flowers to them in 2020? The new sign-up for altar flowers is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Flowers are \$35 and you can take the flowers home after the service. After signing up, please be sure to either make a note of what dedication you would like or contact the church office.

Women's Retreat March 13-15

Eastminster's women are invited to join with First Presbyterian Church of Holt in a Women's Retreat. Kristin will be leading the retreat. More information will be coming soon.

Souper Bowl of Caring

It is the 30th year of the Souper Bowl of Caring event.

Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired, youth-led movement working with other groups across the nation including: schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, Super Bowl.



This year, Eastminster will collect Souper Bowl offerings on Feb. 2 and all donations will go directly to the MSU Student Food Bank.

In 2019, nearly 5,000 groups collected over \$9.6 million in dollars and food donations for hunger-relief charities across the country. Over \$150 million has been collected since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990.

End-of-year donation statements

Your 2019 donations statements are available in the Narthex today. Any still remaining will be mailed out on Jan. 27. If you would like a copy emailed to you, let Bridgette know.

Come Montreat with us!

Each summer, thousands of youth gather at Montreat Conference Center (one of our denomination's national conference centers) in North Carolina from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. The conference is designed for high school students and for their group leaders.

Our presbytery will have a group of rising 9th graders-graduated high school seniors attend together the week of July 12-18. We would love to see some of Eastminster's youth be part of that group this year for a week of faith formation unlike any other! Please contact Neil Myer for more information.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

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
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Estelle McGroarty
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Rev. Kristin Stroble

Clerk of Session

Susan Smalley

Treasurer

Robert Kleine

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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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