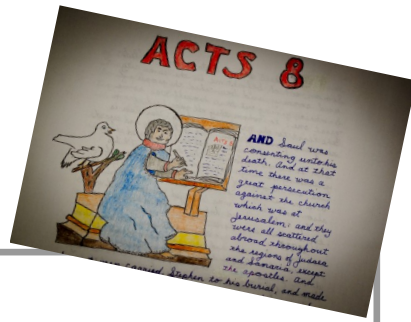


Looking for gift ideas for Christmas? Give the **Corona Bible** in flash drive form! (Other ways to give can be found on the church website). Brochures can be found at the Welcome Desk, or contact the office. The flash drive includes the entire bible, and is \$ 35.00.



**Join us this Advent at Eastridge Presbyterian Church!**

- ◆ Sunday Worship at 9:30 am followed by food for the journey and the soul!
- ◆ December 22 - warm homemade breads and jams
- ◆ Special Christmas Music every week by our choirs, musicians, and congregation
- ◆ Christmas Eve worship at 5pm and 7 pm



The Food Pantry is again in need of your clean plastic bags from grocery/retail use. You may leave them in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**Eastridge Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Thomas Dummermuth.....Associate Pastor  
 Kris Adler-Brammer.....Youth and Children’s Ministries  
 Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager  
 Andy Kalnins.....Night/Weekend Custodian  
 Brent Shaw.....Choir Director/Organist  
 Will McGuire.....Worship Leader  
 Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Worship  
 Brett Meier.....A/V Tech  
 Sydney Mitchell.....Nursery attendant  
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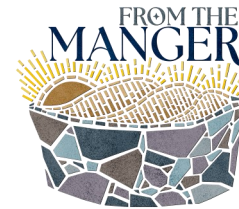
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*The weekly lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—December 22**

- 9:30 am           Worship —Sanctuary and online
- 10:30 am       Fellowship with homemade breads and jams
- 7:00 pm           Online Christmas concert by the McGuires (check Eastridge Youtube and Facebook pages)



**TODAY in worship:**

**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth.  
**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer. **Liturgist:** Doug McDaniel  
**Music:** Kirk Ringers, Diane Worrell Eaton, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw.  
**Advent Candle:** EPC Youth.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:**

Join us for the Children’s program at 5 pm; worship with chancel choir, Kirk Ringers, and brass at 7:00 pm on December 24.



Due to the war in the Middle East, the **Peace Light** will not be brought out of the grotto this year. We can still spread the Peace Light and its message of peace and friendship through our network of Keepers of the Light. We have kept the flame going throughout the year, and will be **sharing it in worship at our Christmas Eve services at 5 pm and 7 pm**. Additionally, the light will be available by special request through the office.





Will, Jana, and Madeline McGuire are going to share Christmas songs this Sunday (TODAY!) at 7 pm. It will be livestreamed to our Facebook and YouTube pages. During the concert, there will be an opportunity to give to the Eastridge Food Pantry (The Coffee Roaster has set a \$ 500 donation match)! Look for more information on how to give during the concert online on Sunday!



**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>

Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPFillingBoxes>

Thank you for your donations to our recent **Food Pantry Food Drive**: The pantry took in \$ 3,070 in monetary donations plus 488 pounds of food.



EASTRIDGE  
FOOD PANTRY

EPW  
COOKIE  
SALE

Eastridge Presbyterian Women would like to thank the congregation for your response to the recent cookie sale.

These monies will go toward a future ministry of EPW's choosing. For more information on this group, contact the church office.

**THE GATHERING PLACE:** Eastridge Presbyterian Church arranges to provide 4-5 volunteers at The Gathering Place, a local soup kitchen, on the 4th Monday of each month. For more information on what this entails, contact the church office. Thank you to all Eastridge members who volunteer to serve at The Gathering Place.

**Updated sign up:** <https://bit.ly/gatheringplace2025epc>

VOLUNTEER



**Prayers:** To be added to the bulletin for prayer concerns, contact the church office.

Thank you to those of you who have donated poinsettias for worship this month. Look for the memorial listing in the Christmas Eve bulletin!

Thank you for your gifts in 2024! Help us reach our end of year giving goal of \$ 550,000. **We need approximately \$ 83,000 during the month of December to meet this goal.**

Thank you for giving to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!



Per  
Capita

**Per Capita/Denominational Giving:** For 2024 the assessed Per Capita is \$ 37.50 per member of Eastridge. However, if you are so called, a gift of \$100 will help us cover our denominational funding obligations and assist those who may not be able to contribute towards this obligation. For more information, check out the December newsletter.



Join us for the **Eastridge Care Connections January gathering** on Sunday, January 12 from 3:30—5:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge.

Refreshments provided!

For more information on this group, please contact the church office.

**The Green Team** is excited to announce our 2025 strategy!

The team has identified nine potential projects so far including: solar panel, EV charger, and heat pump installation; old window replacement; continued light fixture, LED light, and timer/motion sensor installation; basement stove replacement; and critical electrical and technology infrastructure upgrades. Stay tuned as the team works to accomplish their goals - and please join us if you are interested in assisting!



The **EPC Book Club** meets the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:00 pm. Locations vary...check the Welcome Center for info when you arrive!

Our selection at right, *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea is our pick for January.

Join us January 13 at 7:00 pm in M12 for discussion and refreshments.

