

Faith Partners at Eastridge: The group met this week to discuss our recent survey responses, and our first event will be a **book/movie discussion of *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. We will meet Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm in M12.**

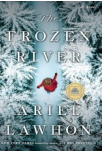
A synopsis of the novel: Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so hard to build. At fifty years old, she's a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a world-renowned expert in linguistics with a successful husband and three grown children. When she becomes increasingly disoriented and forgetful, a tragic diagnosis changes her life - and her relationship with her family and the world - forever.





What do you fear?
INSISTING ON HOPE THIS ADVENT

Even though Advent is still a month away, we wanted to let you know about the changes in **Christmas Eve worship time: candlelight worship on Wednesday, December 24 will be at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.**



The Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club meets again November 10 at 7:00 pm.

Our pick for the month is: ***The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.** Join us for discussion and refreshments in M12.



Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Pop-Up Sale: It's time for our Pop-Up sale! The Youth Group will again host the Ten Thousand Villages Sale in the Welcome Center. The dates of the sale will be Sunday, Nov 16 following worship and all day on Monday, Nov 17. The Youth Group receives 15% of the total sales. These funds will be used to support our summer mission trip.

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EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church

The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—November 2

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship —Welcome Center
11:00 am	Session Meeting—M12
12:45 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge
1:00 pm	NA Leaders Meeting—Fellowship Hall

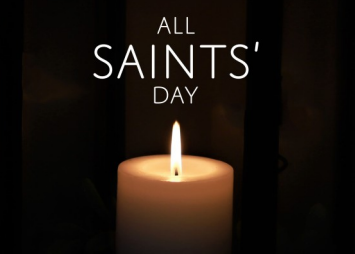


TODAY in worship: Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Chancel Choir, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw.

Instrumental ensemble: Octavia Trenney, Nancy Hall, Bill Reichert, Alex Rogers, Sara Bevans, Kristen Unterseher, Ella Young, Abigail Kabell, Jen Olsen, Maddux Eckles



ALL
SAINTS'
DAY

All Saints' Sunday – November 2 (TODAY)

On All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. During worship, we will read the names of church members and others connected to our congregation who have died in the past year.



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CARE CONNECTIONS

Eastridge Care Connections: Join us for our fall gathering on Sunday, November 9, from 11-12:30 for a time of fellowship and intentional conversation about caring for others in the midst of busy lives. Following the Holy Moments theme, we'll share how just a moment of caring builds deep connections. A light lunch of Le Quartier sandwiches will be served. RSVPs appreciated but not necessary.



November Congregational Meeting November 16, immediately following worship

According to our by-laws, the purpose of the meeting is to approve the pastors' terms of call for 2026 and to nominate and elect officers. There are currently two (3) year openings on the trustees; one (1) year opening on the session and two (3) year openings on the session. If you would like to nominate someone (including self nominations) please contact the office, Sara Bevans, Chris Boone, or Pam Schumacher. *Note - Trustee term is from January 1-December 31; session term is from February 1-January 31.



FUND MATCH: For the **SIXTH** year in a row we have been given a matching gift for our general fund through a generous anonymous donor.

This year the gift is \$12,000! Right now we are at \$ 8,738 toward the match. We are thankful for this generous gift as we enter the season of gratitude, as it encourages giving to the mission and ministry of Eastridge. Please note "fund

match" in the memo line (or in the comment section if giving online). You may also email the office to let us know if an online donation is coming from you toward the fund match.

Harvest Table

Following worship on November 23, we'll gather for a Harvest Meal!

Bring your favorite fall dish - apple, pumpkin, sweet potato, stuffing, rice - anything you love to eat as the seasons change.

We'll be in the Welcome Center. Thank you to EPW for hosting!



Per Capita/Denominational Giving: For 2025 the assessed Per Capita is \$ 38.54 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.



JUSTICE IN ACTION: Join us for the Annual Community Problems Assembly

Monday, November 3rd at 6:30pm at St. Paul UMC, 1144 M Street



As in other years, our giving tapers off during late summer/early fall.

We need approximately \$ 17,034 per week (Nov—Dec) to make our 2025 budget goal. For comparison, we took in \$ 9,963 last week (October 26).

Thank you to those who have responded to the fund match!

The Gratitude and Generosity of Giving: "If our first response to the receipt of gifts is gratitude, then our second is reciprocity: to give a gift in return." - Robin Wall Kimmerer, *The Serviceberry*. **Please consider turning in an estimate of giving cards for 2026 so that our stewardship/financial committee can plan a budget for next year.** We give thanks for the generosity that keeps our ministries going! Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Desk.



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FOOD PANTRY

TO VOLUNTEER:

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION: **Do you have cloth napkins and napkin rings laying around that you no longer use?** If so, our children's ministry program would love to take them off your hands. They don't have to be matching sets. The more random they are, the better! We are going to learn a little bit about hospitality around the table, and we can use them for our snack time on Tuesday afternoons.

Trailblazers for November:

Join us November 21 @ 7:00 p.m.—Huxtable Lounge

Michael Jha and Kristen Unterseher: A Musical Program

