



Devotion Ministry:

We are always looking for new writers for our online devotion ministry. If you are interested in writing, even just occasionally, please contact the office for more information. To be added to the daily email prompt, contact the office as well!

Fourth Friday Women’s Coffee Fellowship:

Join the ladies in Huxtable Lounge on May 22 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship.

Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder that week as well.



Eastridge Presbyterian Women May events:

COORDINATING TEAM MEETING Wednesday, May 20 at 12:15 pm in M-12.

EPW GATHERING: May 20 at 1:00 pm in Huxtable. Program: **Exploring Nature Through Photography Part 6, Donna Gustafson.**

Also at the May meeting following program: Reading Awards, Birthday Offering.



Eastridge Church Staff

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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
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EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—May 17, 2026

9:30 am Worship—Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

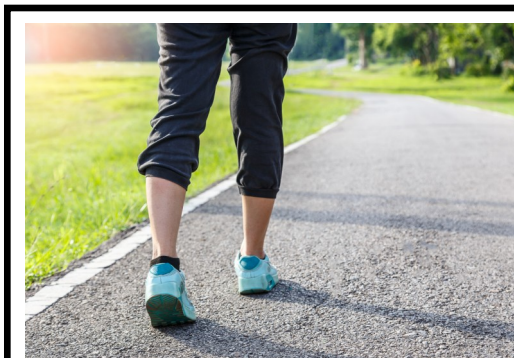
Music: Phoebe Pointon, Abigail Kabell,
Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw,
Michael Jha



Return to
the Garden
Sermon Series



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION: On Sunday, May 17 (TODAY!), we will celebrate our graduating high school seniors at the 9:30am service. Following the service, we will have a reception in the Welcome Center. We hope you will be able to join us!



What is Walking Church? Walking church is a time to gather together and worship while we walk! **We’ll meet Wednesdays at 8 am for a 30 minute walk** in the parking lot on South Street just west of 33rd. We’ll explore the trail in both directions, as we worship the God of all creation! *Note - if the weather is predicted to be prohibitive, we’ll post on Facebook and send out an email notification of cancellation.



Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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



EPC Book Club: The Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club meets again June 8 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: **The Names** by Florence Knapp. The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12. Join us for discussion and refreshments!

Members, vote on your suggestions for next year!



Eastridge Community Food Pantry Fund: The Eastridge Community Food Pantry saw an increase in giving in 2025, due to the generosity of its donors, designated memorial funds, and an increase in giving in response to the SNAP crisis in October of 2025. When combined with assets that had accrued from previous years giving, the fund reached the

threshold for investment. new investment fund has been created for use by the Food Pantry Committee, and policies for its use established following the church's approved procedures. While the pantry currently has low expenses for food, there are still occasional expenses and needs. This fund is easily accessible and available for those needs, following approved procedures already in place.



TERRARIUMS:

We will be closing our current sermon series with a **terrarium workshop on Pentecost day (May 24)**.

Watch the lamp and your email inbox for more information on this event.



Prayer requests: Contact the church office if you'd like to be included here in the lamp or in an online private (Eastridge members) group.

Glory to God and thank you to our Chancel Choir for another season and those of our church who help lead us in worship every week!

Glory to God and also thanks to the Spirit's ministry with Ella Young in her past 3 years in our church choir! We will miss you but pray the continued blessing of Jesus Christ as you move to your next phase of life in Kansas City.



What's Your Story?

This summer, we are invited to explore ABCs of Faith: Simple Stories for Complex Times. In this series, we will be exploring stories from the Bible that tell us about God and God's people. But our faith is also carried through our own stories.

When someone asks, "What's your story?" they're asking about the moments that shaped you: the people, experiences, challenges, and turning points that made you who you are. Scripture is full of such stories—and so are we. We'd love to hear yours.

Throughout the series, we'll offer prompts connected to the themes we're exploring. You're invited to share a brief reflection on any prompt that resonates with you—especially a moment that changed your mind, your heart, or your life. Selected stories may be shared (with your permission) in our newsletter, devotionals, or even during worship.



The Pentecost Offering supports children, youth, and young adults in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), with 40% retained locally and 60% supporting national ministries. This offering is a churchwide initiative that encourages Presbyterians to invest in the spiritual growth and development of young people. It aims to support children at risk, nurture youth, and develop young adult leaders, helping them share their faith, ideas, and gifts with the church and the world. We will take this offering May 24.