



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!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline:

Please submit items for the June newsletter by Tuesday, May 26.

MEMORIAL DAY



HOLIDAY CLOSING:

The office is closed on Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

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
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Our Staff

EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE – May 24, 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: Kirk Ringers, Brent Shaw

Kirk Ringers will be serving treats following worship today!



Return to
the Garden
Sermon Series

Eastridge Presbyterian Church arranges to provide 4-5 volunteers at **The Gathering Place**, a local soup kitchen, on the 4th Monday of each month. The Gathering Place for 2026 sign up is online now! Check it out here: <https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>



TERRARIUMS: We will be closing our current sermon series with a **terrarium workshop on Pentecost day (TODAY!)**

Don’t miss this intergenerational activity to close out our nature-inspired sermon series.



NEXT WEEK: We are planning a picnic **“Al fresco” experience** next Sunday, May 31 after worship. We will enjoy good food, fresh air, and easy conversation. Hope you can make it!



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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!



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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.

Do you play a woodwind key of C instrument (i.e. flute, recorder, bassoon, piccolo, tin whistle)? We will have a small group practice Tuesday (May 26) at 6:15 pm to then share on a Sunday that works for the group. Talk to Brent if interested in playing! Organman77@gmail.com or 919-609-5362.



prayer
LIST

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.



Summer Music: Thank you to Chancel Choir, Kirk Ringers, and all our wonderful musicians who helped make the school year meaningful in worship! Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to share music in the summer. **Let Brent know if you are interested in signing up to share music a Sunday over the summer.**

Contact info: organman77@gmail.com or 919-609-5362.

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 TODAY (May 24).