

# **EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation  
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311 Haines Road † York, PA 17402

**April 30, 2016**

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY**



### **HELPING HANDS – CARING HEARTS**

**Stephen Ministers of Eastminster Presbyterian Church**

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***Welcome to Worship***

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# STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY / 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

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*+Please silence cell phones during the worship service+*

\* = Please stand, if you are able.

- **Child Care is available in the Nursery during church services and the Christian Education Hour in Rm. 9 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the C.E. Building, which is accessible through the right-side door in the front of the sanctuary.**
- *If you would like the Pastor to announce and pray for a joy or concern during the Prayers of the People, please complete a gold Prayer Request form (located in the Friendship Pads) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.*

## WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

### PRELUDE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

arr. Franklin Ritter

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God.  
We come to listen to what God has to say to us.

People: **God has invited us to this place.  
May our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God,  
people of the new covenant of hope and of promise.

People: **We boldly enter into the presence of God,  
hoping to be transformed into new people.**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

People: **We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit.  
We come to praise God's holy name.**

### PRAYER OF APPROACH

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty God, we come before you this morning with thankful hearts for the many blessings you have given us. May we be ever mindful of your loving presence today and every day as we seek to do your will in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 145**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Marion

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with a whirlwind of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word, so that we have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us. Our trust is given to those who misplace it.**

**Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service!**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Jesus still calls us friend and gave his life that this might be so. Through the love of Christ you are forgiven!

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Come Just as You Are*

Joseph Sabolick

Come just as you are. Hear the Spir - it call.  
Come just as you are. Come and see, come re - ceive,  
to coda 2nd time \*  
come and live for ev - er. Life ev - er - last - ing, and  
strength for to - day Taste the Liv - ing Wa - ter, and  
repeat from beginning \* Coda  
nev - er thirst a - gain. ev - er - more

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMANDS (8:30)**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**

*People Need the Lord*

arr. Fettke and Rarick

(8:30) Marilyn Jennerjohn ~ (11:00) Chancel Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT**

1 Peter 1:3-9

(pg. 1058 in pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Hope In Hurtful Times*

\*HYMN NO. 403

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Converse*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Stephen Ministry*

Bob Casbeer

PRAYER FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leader: Today we act as the Body of Christ to recognize and support those who do ministries of healing among us in Christ's name. Baptized into Christ's priesthood, we are each called to offer ourselves in service, sometimes in specialized ministry. Let us pray:

People: **Lord, bless all of those who serve to bring wellness and wholeness to others. Grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience, resilience and faithfulness. In Your mercy, heal those who need healing and give comfort to all who need comfort, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*He Touched Me*

arr. Anita Brayke

\*OFFERING RESPONSE No. 592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all  
 crea-tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove ye heav'n-ly  
 host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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 NO. 525

*Here I Am, Lord**Here I Am Lord*

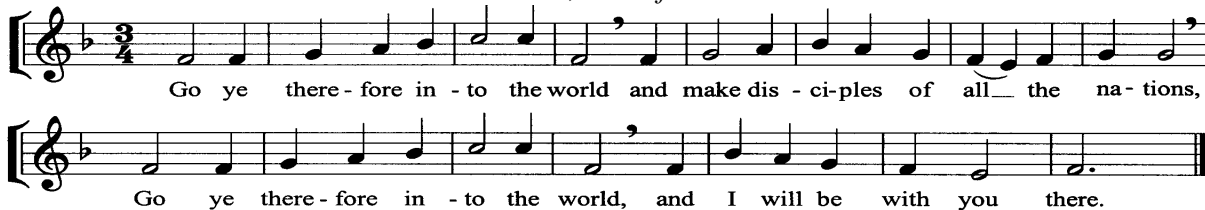
## WE DEPART FOR SERVICE

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go Ye, Therefore*

Gretchen Dekker



Go ye there-fore in - to the world and make dis - ci-ples of all\_ the na- tions,  
Go ye there-fore in - to the world, and I will be with you there.

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F Major*

Dietrich Buxethude

Wireless personal listening devices are available in the Sanctuary by contacting an usher.

Hymns are in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, unless otherwise noted.

*The Presbyterian Hymnal* is available in large print. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher.

## PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

**Dr. Gregory Seckman, Pastor**

**Randy Yoder, Director of Music**

**Greeters: (8:30) Pat Bishop ~ (11:00) Doris Ward**

**Liturgists: (8:30) Dee Hoyt ~ (11:00) Jo Watson**

**Ushers: (8:30) Nancy Dostal, Ken Kellar, Kate Strickler, Jo Watson  
(11:00) Ken Kellar, Judie Lightfoot, Linda Williams, Jan Witzke**

## CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God  
by Stephen Ministers in celebration of their ministry  
and  
by Jennifer Sefton and family in memory of her mother Barbara Marshall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 7**, Pastor Seckman's sermon title is *Living Stone*; and the scripture text is 1 Peter 2:2-10. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY BIBLE** - The oversized, artistic copy of the King James Version of the Holy Bible, which normally resides in the Library, is on display today in the Narthex. The Bible was purchased from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and donated by a member of the congregation in honor of Doris Ward's dedicated work and in appreciation of the Stephen Ministry program at Eastminster. **TAKE A LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL BIBLE!**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE FOR YOU** – Could you benefit from the **confidential**, one to one care of a Stephen Minister? Our Stephen Ministers are ready to stand by you and care for you! The relationship starts with one visit and continues to meet your needs. Contact one of our Stephen Ministers (see back cover for names)

**EASTMINSTER GROCERY CARD FUND** – There are many reasons to order more cards for May! There will be extra food to buy for your graduation parties, Mother's Day celebrations and Memorial Day picnics. Today is your last chance to order. Cards will be available for payment and pick-up next Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> in the MPR of the Haines House. Remember your church receives **5%** back from your shopping for groceries, gas and medicine. Thank you for your continued support.

**NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED** – We are in search of someone to supervise the nursery during worship services. Hours are 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each Sunday. This is a paid position. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact the church office at 755-6222.

**SENIOR WOMEN'S OUTING** -- The senior women's group is going to tea at the Old Farm House on Tuesday, May 2. We will car pool from the church at 11:00. If you would like to join us, please send your check in the amount of \$16.25 to Carol Moss.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** -- Church Women United invites you to May Friendship Day, "Kindling New Fires of Love," Friday, May 5, 2017 at 3 p.m. at Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Avenue, York, PA. Come and find out about CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Children. RSVP by May 1 to Judy Grove.

**YARD SALE AND CHICKEN BBQ** – Eastminster will have its annual Yard Sale on May 13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tables are \$15. Please call Dave Lewis to reserve your spot. The Missions Committee will also be hosting a Chicken BBQ that day, so be sure and pick up some delicious food after shopping for your latest treasure!

**BAKE AND BOOK SALE** -- PW'S Bake & Book Sale will take place at the yard sale on May 13. Anyone willing to bake goodies, please bring your baked goods to the parlor between 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. on Friday May 12 to be priced.

**PW SPRING LUNCHEON** – Presbyterian Women invite all the women of the congregation to attend the Annual Spring Luncheon on May 20, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program will include a delicious lunch as well as the installation of new P.W. officers, and recognition those who have served. Also, part of the event will be the Birthday Celebration which honors the origin of the national organization for Presbyterian Women. A birthday offering will be collected and birthday cake will be shared among all. The cost is only \$5.00, but reservations must be made by Sunday, May 14. Look for the reservation slips in the bulletin beginning today.



# HELPING HANDS – CARING HEARTS

Stephen Ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Welcome to Stephen Ministry Sunday.** We gather today to join in fervent prayer that our ministry will continue to serve here at Eastminster. We are looking to improve our outreach program to meet your needs. Your suggestions and ideas are always appreciated.



## **STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINED AT EASTMINSTER**

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**Stephen Leaders:** Jan Witzke – Team Leader; Judie Lightfoot, Doris Ward

**Stephen Ministers:** Kate Strickler, Dee Hoyt, Lois Moore, Nancy Dostal, Patrick Bishop, Bob Casbeer, Jo Watson, Linda Williams, Ken Kellar

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

1. Stephen Ministry's existence is predicated on helping members of our congregation deal with difficult times and situations.
2. Stephen Ministers are not here to judge you or to give you answers but to **support** you as you explore various options and help you determine which path is best for you.
3. Stephen Ministers understand that with any problem or life change an emotional response (fear, anger, confusion, grief, embarrassment, etc.) is almost always present. Please do not let any of these normal feelings prevent you from reaching out for help.
4. When meeting with a Stephen Minister, if we feel that your concerns are beyond our ability or training level, we will work with you to obtain a more appropriate source of help.
5. Confidentiality is *always* a priority.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE PEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST**

The calendar in the bulletin gives this week's events. Copies of our latest newsletter are available in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary. The newsletter contains our worship schedule and information about the activities, events, and opportunities for ministry and mission offered at Eastminster.

## CALENDAR

*Please see our website, [eastminster-york.org](http://eastminster-york.org), for possible updates and changes.*

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| <b>Sun Apr 30</b> | 8:30-9:30 a.m.        | Worship – Sanctuary                                   |
|                   | 9:30-10:30 a.m.       | Sunday School – C.E. Bldg. & Haines House             |
|                   | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Worship – Sanctuary                                   |
|                   | 5:00-7:30 p.m.        | New Generation Ministry Worship – Fellowship Hall     |
| <b>Mon May 1</b>  | 9:30-11:30 a.m.       | Stephen Ministers – MPR                               |
|                   | 6:30-8:30 p.m.        | Worship Committee -- Library                          |
| <b>Tue May 2</b>  | 10:30-11:30 a.m.      | Staff Meeting – MPR                                   |
|                   | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Board Room              |
|                   | 12:30-4:00 p.m.       | FMC Meeting -- MPR                                    |
| <b>Wed May 3</b>  | 9:00-10:00 a.m.       | Afghan Group – Board Room                             |
|                   | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Cool Knitting/Warm Fellowship – Haines Reception Room |
|                   | 7:00-8:30 p.m.        | New Generation Ministry Youth – F. Hall & Room 13     |
| <b>Fri May 5</b>  |                       | Church Offices Closed                                 |



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

*+All our military men and women around the world and their families back home+  
+Eastminster Presbyterian Church – its congregation, mission, and ministry+  
+ Stephen Ministers and their care receivers+*

*Brooks Argento*

*Bob Barr*

*Dick & Lou Bowen*

*Cade Curran*

*Linda & Jim May*

*Jerry and Tania O'Hearn*

*The family and friends of Gloria Hildebrand*

*Claude Price*

*Phil & Tana Rarick and family*

*Walter & Frann Ross*

*Bonnie Spancake*

*Lee Spancake*

*Dick Thomas*

*Connie Trone*

*If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer list,  
please first obtain that person's permission and then drop a note in the offering plate  
or contact Beth Anne by e-mail at [epcyorkoffice@gmail.com](mailto:epcyorkoffice@gmail.com) or phone 755-6222.  
As of April 1, 2017, all names will remain on the prayer list for a period of **four weeks**. Please notify  
us if prayers are requested for a longer amount of time.*



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