



The weekly Lamp

Today at Eastridge:

- 9:00 am Parking Lot Worship
- 10:00 am Worship—ONLINE
- 10:45 am Virtual Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
- 3:00 pm Congregational Meeting—parking lot

Financials for the week (as of November 6):

Year to date (2020): \$ 424,989
 Last year at this time: \$ 443,569
 Needed for the year
 (to make budget): \$ 155,011



ADVENT CANDLE: We are looking for families to light the advent candle for our 10 am Sunday morning worship services! If you are interested, please let the office know. Obviously, this will look a bit different from other years, and may allow those who normally aren't comfortable getting in front of the congregation in person a little more inclined to give it a try!



Eastridge Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Sunday (Nov. 22):

we will be distributing the envelopes to give to EPW Thank Offering in the mail, and you can give online (choose "EPW Thank Offering" in the pull-down menu). Rev. Cecelia Armstrong, Associate Pastor of St. James PCUSA, Charleston, SC, will be our speaker that day.



PARKING LOT WORSHIP:
 Every Sunday, 9:00 am, parking lot worship service (30 minutes). The service will be transmitted on an FM radio frequency.

This year's **Christmas program** is going to look different! Because of the way it will be put together, we will be able to include many church families even if you will be out of town for Christmas. The time commitment to be a part of this year's program will be very minimal and you won't have to memorize any lines (or have any lines if you prefer). If you would like to be a part of the program, please contact Kris Adler-Brammer at kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org for additional details.



Anti-Racism Taskforce: Election results are (almost all) in. The votes cast have been sliced and diced numerous ways: suburban women, Black men, Latino voters, college-educated, and regional divisions. This analysis points out the differences in how Americans view our leaders and our communities. These resources have been selected to help you examine your attitudes and communicate more effectively with people whose views are different than yours.

"Take a Test," Harvard Implicit Association Test. An online means to evaluate your preference for interacting with white or Black individuals. <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/>

selec-tatest.html
 "Do You Have White Fragility?" Take a short quiz to determine your level of reaction when you are confronted about your racist attitudes. <https://bit.ly/36ozwjS>
 "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism," by Robin Diangelo (Beacon Press, 2018). Learn about the defensive moves white people make when challenged racially.

"Becoming Comfortable with the Uncomfortable Topic of Race," Psychology Today (June 2020)



Prayers for: Jeanette Smith, Nancy Pittman

Condolences to the family of Marie Wood. **PRAYERS**



New Advent study for Wednesday bible study group: We will begin **Advent: The Weary World Rejoices** on Wednesday, December 2 via Zoom.

- The Nominating Committee** presents the following slate of officers for the meeting TODAY:
- Session:**
 Kurt Beck (Personnel)
 Andrew Loudon (Stewardship)
 Doug McDaniel (Personnel)
 Bill Wehrbein (Outreach)
 Elizabeth Kohel (Youth Elder)
- Deacons:**
 Wahadi Allen
 Mary Amen

- Donna and Jim Gies
 Judith Keller
 Becky Shupe
 Cathy Schapmann
 Bill Short
 Hope Shortridge (Youth Deacon)
Trustees:
 Shirley Flynn
 Ray Schapmann
 Lisa Woito-Petty
 Rinehart Kruse
Nominating:
 Cheryl Byler
 Shirlette Hershiser
 Gary Kilian

Memorials & Endowments:
 Beth Birnstihl
 Leo Schumacher
 Deryl Merritt
 The meeting will be held in the **Eastridge parking lot at 3pm TODAY, November 15**. According to our by-laws, a quorum of 5%, or 32 members need to be present.

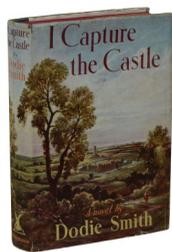


It's time for our **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, this year via Zoom!** Join us on Sunday, November 22, at 3pm for a time to gather together, catch up with one another, and eat pie (or anything you have) together.



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Devotion ministry at Eastridge: We are always looking for more writers for our online and emailed devotion ministry! If you would like to write occasionally or monthly, please send an email to the office! This is an ongoing, five-days-a-week ministry that blesses many.



Book Club in 2021: Join us in January when we read and discuss *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. For a complete list of this year's picks, head to the church website on the calendar page.

It's Stewardship time! A letter was sent out along with pledge cards for us to plan a 2021 budget. We are thankful for your gifts and service in 2020! If you could return the pledge cards to the office by December 1, it is much appreciated. As of November 9, we had received pledges from 34 family units in the church.



STEWARDSHIP



Per Capita: Time to think about Per Capita! When each Eastridge member pays his/her per capita, it allows our offerings to fund more items in the general budget. This year, **per capita is \$45.10 per member.**

Angel Tree:
Give in safe ways this year!

- 1) **Clinton Elementary:** Give \$25 gift cards for Target or Walmart
- 2) **Aging Partners:** Give a gift card of \$ 25-\$40 of your choice—Walmart, HyVee or Super Saver
- 3) **Cedars:** Virtual shopping list will be available online Nov. 16. <https://cedarskids.org/how-you-can-help/holiday-giving/holiday-gift-drive.html>.
- 4) **Presbyterian Giving Catalog:** go to the site: <https://presbyterian-gifts.pcusa.org/>

Gift cards to Clinton or Aging Partners are due by December 14. You may do one of these three things: 1) put your donation in the black inbox just outside office, or 2) mail to the church, or 3) send a check to the office and we will buy the cards on your behalf.

~ Susan Taylor



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JOIN US FOR A FOUR-WEEK ADVENT STUDY SERIES

It will be based on *A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas*, by Kathy Escobar. We will meet on Mondays during Advent, 9-10 AM via Zoom, **starting November 30**. See link below to sign up!

<http://bit.ly/wearyworld>



ADVENT AT EASTRIDGE: We have some special Sunday events during Advent, all scheduled to begin at 3:00 pm.

December 6: Christmas Carol Bingo (info will be emailed this week!)

December 13: Caroling, Storytelling, and Donut event in the parking lot (more info to come!)

December 20: Livestream Christmas Concert.



Look for more information on all of these events coming soon.



We have now added Sunday nights (once a month...the fourth Sunday) to our **Gathering Place** schedule. If you have signed up and the Lincoln COVID risk dial is red, you DO NOT need to volunteer. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/Gatheringplace>



PIE: We are looking for pies to be donated for our Thanksgiving pie zoom session! Boxes of mini pies, like these shown, are perfect to distribute. You can purchase a box and donate to the church, or donate funds to be put toward pies for those who can't make one or purchase one themselves.