



# Eastminster Messenger

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## Our Interim Pastor



The first Sunday in June marked a milestone for Eastminster, the first time we celebrated the Lord's Supper in over a year - outside of the monthly zoom communion services. After sharing the Lords Supper with you, certain memories began to return to me.

Some of you know that the Presbyterian Church, (USA) has a constitution made up of a Book of Confessions, and a Book of Order. The Book of Order is divided up into four parts:

Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, Form of Government, Director for Worship, and Rules of Discipline. As Yoda said of the sacred Jedi texts, "page turners, they are not." As documents describing how to be a church and defining organizational structure, they tend to stick to the basics and are not written for aesthetics. However, at times, parts of the Book of order can be downright inspiring. A pastor I once worked with incorporated a bit into the invitation to the Lord's Table. He would generally say,

"This sacrament is not just for Presbyterians, but for all those who come in faith, repentance, and love; including baptized children who are being instructed in the nature of the sacrament."

At the time, those words were from the Book of Order. The wording and descriptions have changed a bit over the years, but it was a nice moment in worship to hear something from an organizing document to invite worshipers to the table. It was the ministry of welcome. When we invite people to the Lord's Table, we must remember it is not our table, and strive to be as welcoming to others as Jesus was.

Questions for reflection:

- What would worship look like if we were always that inviting?
- Are there ways we can improve our welcome to others who might seek what Christ offers?
- What thoughts and memories come to you, when you share the Lord's Supper?

Blessings,

JT

## BLOOD DRIVE

Good things come to those who GIVE.

Eastminster is asking you to give. GIVE BLOOD – the gift of life.

Eastminster will be holding a blood drive for the community on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

You can help by scheduling a donation or by volunteering to assist those who are donating if you are unable to.

To schedule your donation online, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code Eastminster PC.

The need for blood is constant. The gratification is instant. So give blood. Give life. Give that blessing to another. And may God Bless you!



Sunday, June 6, 2021

Mr. Gordon's Sunday School class studying "Bible Heroes."

## Camp Notes



This Sunday, June 13th, Eastminster will be saying farewell to 17 campers and 4 counselors as they depart for Gemini Camp at Camp Pyoca!

Due to the unpredictable chain of events that took place this time last year, our children unfortunately had to miss out on one of their favorite times of the year -- going to camp!! With great excitement and thanks to God the campers will be departing from Eastminster at the conclusion of Sunday School this week!

Please keep all of our campers in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on one of the most impactful experiences of their childhood. We would also like to encourage you to meet our campers in the parking lot before they ship off to say goodbye and to let them know we are eagerly waiting for their return!

**CANCELLED**

**Strawberry Festival**



We will not publish a newsletter the week of June 14 or the week of June 21.

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