



Eastminster Messenger

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FROM
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Sarah Josepha Hale. When you think of people from history, do you ever have questions rise up that you would love to ask of certain people?

I'd love to hear Sarah Josepha Hale tell stories about what she's learned about

persistence, the faith, and people that have inspired her to carry on. We might remember reading that it was Sarah who through her writing and advocacy, persisted for decades calling for a national day of thanksgiving, writing every governor, and eventually President Lincoln.

Finally in 1863, aided by the writing of Secretary of State, William Seward, Lincoln set a proclamation for a "day for National thanksgiving, praise, and prayer".

Remarkable how Seward's words continue to speak today, calling upon God to "invoke the influence of His Holy Spirit to subdue the anger", to visit with tender care and consolation", and fervently implore...the Almighty...to heal the wounds of the nation".

Sarah Josepha Hale's persistence proved fruitful even through what must have been lengthy seasons of waiting. It is my prayer for you that as you move through Thanksgiving into the season of hopeful waiting of Advent in Christ that the transformative good news of Jesus as beautifully told by Luke, the growing awareness of past persistence that has graced our lives, and the Spirit all deeply encourage you in the Way of Jesus with hope, peace, joy and love.

Let us worship God!

Sunday December 1 (First Sunday of Advent)

Luke 12:13-34

Sunday December 8

Luke 7:36-50

Grace and courage,

Ryan

Welcome to Our Family



Don Smith was received into Eastminster Membership this past Sunday, November 24, 2024. Welcome Don!

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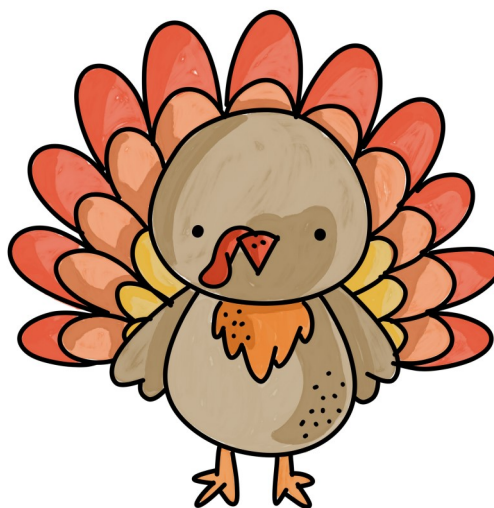
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*Christmas Eve
Candle Light
Communion Service
December 24
at 7:00 p.m.*

CANCELED
Blood Drive

Thanksgiving Processional 2024



Advent Luncheon

You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 8, immediately following worship for our Advent Luncheon. Please use the Advent sign up sheet to reserve your spot. We will be having Jimmy John's sandwiches and dessert. If you would like, you may bring a side dish but it is not required.

This is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season and to share it with your church family!



Christmas Luncheon

The EPW Christmas Luncheon will be at Oak Meadow Country Club on Wednesday, December 4 at 12 NOON.

Each participant attending will be responsible for the cost of their meal. Please bring one dozen cookies for our Friends at Home. Containers will be provided. Reservations are Required.