



Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

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Reflection by Ratchet Mattison

I missed church this past Sunday because my aunt was visiting from Iowa.

My aunt, my mom's younger sister, is my godmother, and her love and attention for me has always made me feel special. When she looks at me with such love, I feel like I glow! When I was a young teenager, my brother and I flew unaccompanied to visit my aunt, uncle, and cousins in small town North Carolina, a world away from my life in a suburb of Minneapolis. Over real southern biscuits at Hardee's, we had a memorable conversation about the nature of God, how to figure out what the heck the Bible was saying, how to pray, and especially how to be a follower of Jesus in this world. She helped me make a genuine bridge between what I heard in church and what I experienced in my junior high life. These are lessons I still use today, and she continues to be the confident, kind, love-focused, and influential voice I've been lucky to have in my life since birth. So, I chose to miss church to spend time with my aunt.

But I missed being with YOU. I missed being present to sing and pray and listen and look and talk with all of you. I love that I have these feelings of absence and want. What a gift to miss what we share! In the feelings of missing, I feel the significance of Edgcumbe in my life. Although I was not there in the moments on Sunday, I know there was space for me. Thank you for being a community of spaciousness. Thank you for being people who are confident, kind, love-focused, and influential for me and for each other as we grow and tend our spirits together. I look forward to being in our space with you all again soon.

Worship this Sunday Oct 11th we will be hosting a very special guest -- Joe Davis!

Joe Davis is an award-winning spoken word artist and bestselling author who uses poetry to power

possibility. He is the founder and director of Finding Your Freedom Practice, teaching holistic health and wellness practices through spoken word, writing, music, theater, and dance. Joe holds a Master of Arts degree in Theology of the Arts and also heads a multimedia production company, a soul funk band, and a racial justice education program. His work has been featured on BET, CNN, and VH1. Based in Minneapolis, he tours internationally to join schools, faith spaces, nonprofits, and businesses to practice envisioning and embodying a world of collective liberation and human flourishing.



On Oct 11th, Joe will share some of his poetry with us, and lead us in a reflection about cultivating joyful community. Learn more about Joe at <https://www.joedavispoetry.com/> Get a taste of his poetry here: <https://youtu.be/swJxWPbqT-k?si=gRaBTkAeqYZzeJ98> Don't miss this opportunity....and bring a friend!!!

Artplayce Update

The artwork display in November will highlight the creative works of our very own EPC members! I'm asking each of us to bring in something that you created. It could be a painting, a photograph, a poem, a weaving, a mitten you knitted, a necklace you beaded, etc. Have you created something that won't fit easily on our walls? Take a picture of it and bring the photo in. Have you sewn an article of clothing you're proud of? Put it on a hanger and bring it in. (Or take a photo... your choice). Have you prepared a delicious meal? Snap a pic, bring in the recipe, and voila! Maybe you remodeled a room in your house! Snap a pic. Maybe you have a photo of the best Christmas light display EVER! Maybe you press flowers? Make earrings? Build furniture? Is your dog the cutest and most photogenic of all? Be creative, and show us what you love and are proud of.

Please bring your items in during the first week in November. They will be hung on hooks on the peg board, so please make sure your art piece has a wire or a way to be hung on a hook. And please bring a small note that will be taped next to your artwork that explains what it is, and who did it. Looking forward to this! -Lisa

October Mission: The Lift Garage



Our mission for October will be The Lift Garage. On Sunday Oct. 4 we'll introduce their mission of providing low-cost car repairs to low-income people. On Sunday Oct. 25, Founder and Executive Director Cathy Heying will join us in worship. In addition to supporting The Lift with our financial gifts, we will be supporting them in service.

On Thursday, Nov. 5th from 3pm - 5pm, we have committed to provide a team of 10 to assemble a mailing for The Lift's end-of-year giving campaign. We'll meet onsite at 2401 E. Lake Street, and volunteers will meet The Lift staff, tour the garage, and save the organization hundreds of dollars that otherwise would be paid to a mail company. There will be opportunities to work while seated. Do you want to be part of this? Email Jane Tafel at tafeljane@gmail.com to sign up.

Learn more about the Lift Garage: <https://www.theliftgarage.org/>

Submissions to the Midweek Update during Sabbatical

If you have an announcement or article for the midweek update during the pastors' sabbatical, please submit it to Office Manager Krysta Niznick by Tuesday morning at epchurch2149@gmail.com.

Collecting Photos of EPC Community during Sabbatical

Please take photos of yourself and the EPC community during this unique time of Sabbatical. James Witbrook will be collecting photos to compile a slideshow to share with our community and our pastors at the October retreat during a storytelling event. Photos can be of work in the backwoods, worship services, potlucks, or 1-on-1 hangouts with EPC friends outside of Sunday mornings. Please send your photos to jameswitbrook@gmail.com with "EPC slideshow" in the subject line.

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Bible Study Continues

We'll continue bible study during Phil and Luna's absence. I will send out the texts early on Sundays or they are available here: <https://epchurch.org/lectionary-.pdf>

Access to the bible study Zoom is here: <https://epchurch.org/> Hope to see you there at 6:30pm every Sunday night. -Ron Eggert

Prayers For ...

Ron Eggert for an easy recovery after his recent surgery.

Twin Cities Women's Choir

Hi everyone! I want you to know about our upcoming concert! I'm really excited about this one. It celebrates Minnesota in a deep way. It makes me proud to live here. I hope you can make it!

~Lisa

Twin Cities Women's Choir presents:

Minnesota Rising: Deep Roots. Strong Hands. Raised Voices.

Friday, November 20th, 2026

Saturday, November 21st, 2026

Tickets are on sale now at Her Voice Productions. hervoiceproductions.org

Celebrating our Minnesota neighboring spirit and stalwart stewardship of what it means to stand up for one another. During some of our darkest, coldest days, Minnesotans showed the warmth of what it means to be a neighbor. Minnesota stood up, stood firm, and the country took notice. Through meaningful songs—some familiar, some new—we celebrate the people who showed up for one another and Minnesota as a beacon of good. Come be reminded of what's possible when we show up for one another, and leave inspired to keep the good going.