

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-7; 13-21

LEADER

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord,

give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,

Israel as his own possession.

CONGREGATION

For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.

He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

LEADER

Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

For the Lord will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.

CONGREGATION

The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but do not speak;
they have eyes, but do not see;

they have ears, but do not hear,
nor is there any breath in their mouths.

Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.

LEADER

O house of Israel, bless the Lord!

O house of Aaron, bless the Lord!

O house of Levi, bless the Lord!

You who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!

Blessed be the Lord from Zion,

he who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the Lord!

EBC Membership Covenant

I will serve the ministry of the church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents
- Personally pursuing growth in Christ
- Developing a servant's heart¹

I will protect the unity of the church by:

- Acting in love toward other members
- Refusing to gossip; rather, continually encouraging others
- Following leaders as they follow Christ ²

I will share the responsibility of the church by:

- Serving the church in ministry
- Praying for its growth
- Helping create a contagious atmosphere of friendliness
- Inviting the unchurched to attend³

I will support the testimony of the church by:

- My presence in faithful attendance
- Pursuing godliness in my relationship with Christ
- Supporting its vision through my giving
- Personally investing in others within the church and also those who do not yet know Christ⁴

¹ 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 2:15; Philippians 2:3-4, 7

² Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 1:22; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17

³ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2; Luke 14:23; Romans 15:7

⁴ Hebrews 1:25; Philippians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Ephesians 3:20

Our Covenant with You

In partnering with EBC, you can expect the following from us:

- A place to grow and exercise your passion and love for Jesus Christ through worship, community, and mission
- To find encouragement in your journey of faith
- A place to use your gifts and talents to serve
- Leaders who, though not perfect, are committed to following Jesus Christ and walking with integrity

Sermon

Title: Does God... Like Us?

Text: Psalm 139

Sermon in a sentence: Marvelling at God's intimate acquaintance of us deepens intimate acquaintance with him.

1. Marvel at our *omniscient* God's intimate acquaintance of us (139:1-6).
2. Marvel at our *omnipresent* God's intimate acquaintance of us (139:7-13).
3. Marvel at our *creator* God's intimate acquaintance of us (139:13-18).
4. Marvel at our *eternal* God's intimate acquaintance of us (139:4 & 16).

This results in a deepened desire for intimate acquaintance with God, expressed as zeal for God (139:19-21), humility before God (139:23-24a), and looking to God (139:24b).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 29

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Holiday Office Hours

Closed from December 25 to January 1.

We will reopen on January 2 at 9:00 AM.

No programs will be running during this time.

Sunday, January 5

Digging Deeper (Jr. and Sr. High) 9:30-10:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM John Hood will be preaching.

Gymnasium Open

The gym will be open for fellowship following the morning worship service. There is no childcare provided during this time.

So, please keep an eye on your children to ensure their safety.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

If you would like to bake for Sunday morning fellowship, please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

Upcoming Events

Young Adults' Potluck Fellowship

Sunday, January 5, 1:00-3:00 PM

The Versteegs' Home: 35 Firefly Lane, Central Elgin

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35, come and hang out with us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship around God's Word. Please bring a side dish, a drink, or a dessert to share.