



Sunday, September 21, 2025

## The Sweetest Invitation

Matthew 11:25-30

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# WELCOME TO EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

We're so glad you are here to join us in our corporate worship of God this morning. Below is some information about our church.

## **Washrooms**

Washrooms are located down the hall (towards the gym). Please accompany all children who need to leave during the service. Please note, our main washrooms now have handicap access.

## **Children's Ministry**

Nursery (0-24 months) and Preschool (2s and 3s) are open before the service. Children can be signed in at their respective rooms opposite the washrooms. Kindergarten (JK to Grade 1) and Children's Sunday School (Grades 2 to 5) are dismissed partway through the service. Children must be registered at the Welcome Centre prior to the service.

## **Nursing Mothers' Room**

There is a private room in the nursery for nursing mothers where you can listen to the service. If you'd like to use this room, please ask one of the nursery workers.

## **Gymnasium**

The gym will be open for fellowship and play following the morning service. There is no childcare provided during this time. So, please keep an eye on your children to ensure their safety.

## **Financial Support**

The members of Eastwood happily support the work of this church. If you would like to give, you may leave cash or a cheque donation in the mail slot next to the office door or send an e-transfer to [tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca](mailto:tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca). All donations are tax receiptable provided your name and address are included on the donation.

**Questions?** Contact Rita Charron (Office Administrator) at [office@eastwoodchurch.ca](mailto:office@eastwoodchurch.ca) or 519-633-4131

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Pre-Service

Welcome.....John Hood  
Announcements .....John Hood  
Opening Prayer.....John Hood

## Corporate Worship Service

Call to Worship .....John Hood  
*Psalm 113:1-3*

Worship in Song ..... Praise Band  
*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*Jesus Messiah*

Complementary Scripture Reading.....Paul Lundie  
*Acts 4:12*

Worship in Song .....Praise Band  
*In Christ Alone*

Pastoral Prayer .....Vince Wallman

Dismiss Children .....Vince Wallman

Scripture Reading..... Vince Wallman  
*Matthew 11:25-30*  
*Pew Bible Page 766*

Sermon..... Steve Kim

Worship in Song ..... Praise Band  
*Come, Ye Sinner Poor and Needy*  
*Jesus Strong and Kind*

Dismissal ..... Steve Kim

Closing Prayer ..... Steve Kim

## Post-Service

Please join us in the gym for a potluck lunch.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1. Congregational Potluck Lunch (Today Following the Worship Service)

After the morning worship service, we will gather in the gym for a potluck lunch.

If you'd like to join us, please bring a dish as follows:

- Last names A-M: bring a main dish
- Last names N-Z: bring a side dish or salad, plus a dessert

### **Important Details:**

- Please bring your dish ready to serve (cut and sliced as needed).
- We are not able to cook food at the church due to limited oven space, but we can keep dishes warm.
- Ideally, each dish should serve 8-10 people. That said, we understand this may be a lot for some. Please bring what you are able.

## 2. Corporate Prayer Meeting (Sunday, September 28, 3:00-4:00 PM)

All church members and guests are welcome to join us in the Chapel for a time of prayer.

## 3. Membership Class (Sunday, October 5, 3:00-5:00 PM)

This membership class will cover biblical local church membership and what that looks like in practice.

To join, please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

# SERMON

**Title: The Sweetest Invitation**

**Text: Matthew 11:25-30**

1. The Prayer of Christ (25-26)

2. The Authority of Christ (27)

3. The Call of Christ (28-30)

## SERMON DISCUSSION/APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Is there anything in particular that stood out to you from the sermon?
2. In your own words, what is the main point of this passage?
3. Do you wrestle with the sovereignty of God over salvation? Why is that? What does this text say about God's sovereignty in saving people?
4. What does it mean to come to Jesus? How would you explain that to an unbeliever?
5. In what ways are you prone to labour and in what ways do you feel heavy laden?
6. How do you reconcile resting in Christ with being a servant of Christ?

# UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

## This Week

- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Moms & Tots (Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM)
- Men's Book Study (Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM)
- Prayer Meeting (Thursday, 10:00-11:00 AM, in the chapel)
- Eastwood Youth – Grades 6-12 (Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM)
- Men's Basketball (Friday, 8:00-10:00 PM)
- Digging Deeper – Grades 6-12 (Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM)

## Youth Event (Saturday, October 4, 12:00-6:00 PM)

Amazing Race: St. Thomas Edition

Get ready for an adventure. Join us for a race across town with fun challenges along the way. We'll also hear a couple of personal testimonies and enjoy a pizza dinner and snacks.

### Important Details:

- Cost \$5
- Grades 6-12
- Please eat lunch before you arrive.
- Wear running shoes—we'll be doing lots of walking!
- Pre-registration is mandatory.
- Payment and confirmation of attendance are due by Thursday, October 2.

To register, email Charlotte at [youth@eastwoodchurch.ca](mailto:youth@eastwoodchurch.ca)

For more information, see Charlotte Krobek.

## Men's Floor Hockey (Begins Monday, October 27, 7:00 PM)

The second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM . Participants must be 13 years or older. All participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.