**Welcome new members**

Today we celebrate that in the life of this community,

The McKerrow family and Linda have decided to make Eastern Hills their new spiritual home.

Today, we welcome them into this growing and changing fellowship.

*Those named come forward and give a gift of candles.*

I welcome you into the fellowship of ehills

in the name of God creator, companion, inspirer.

Thank you for what each of you brings: experiences, insights, enthusiasm, questions, faith, doubts, gifts for ministry.

Together we represent the Spirit of God to the world.

*Everybody stand*

Gracious and Holy God,

We are all members of the Body of Christ, living and active in this world; seeking justice, pursuing peace, promoting your deep and abiding love.

We thank you this morning especially for this part of the Body that is eastern hills community Church. And we thank you that Linda, Joel and Heidi, have decided to covenant with us as full members.

Bless them as they continue to follow the way of Jesus, seeking to serve you with all of their lives.

And bless this congregation, that we might be a comforting–and a challenging–home for them, and for all who join us on the journey. Amen.

<http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/special_liturgies/welcomenewmembers.html> and <https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/01/19/wednesday-worship-pieces/>