



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
February 4, 2024**





# WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: [eastminsterchurch.org](http://eastminsterchurch.org). At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

Masks are available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.

Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew or sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary.

Hymn books and Bibles can be found under the pews.

This is a livestream worship service, and the camera and microphones are on the whole time. While the camera is most often focused on the front of the sanctuary, there is a chance that you will be captured on camera.



*\* Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.  
**Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

### **\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 147)**

One: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

*All: How good it is to sing praises to our God.*

One: For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted,  
binding up their wounds.

*All: God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!*

### **\*Hymn #796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord**

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**


*Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.*

### **\*Silent Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

## \*Sung Response #583      Glory to God

Dm      Gm      C      F      (chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you*)

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Children's Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**      Isaiah 40:21-31      Old Testament pp. 628-629

**Scripture Reading**      Mark 1:29-31      New Testament p. 33

**Sermon**      Not the Only News

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Communion & Lord's Prayer**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*All are welcome to take communion. Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward can be served at their seats. Gluten-free bread is available, please ask the servers.*

### **Prayer After Communion**

**\*Hymn #772**      Live into Hope

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

### **Participants in today's service:**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill

Worship Leader: Brian Heitman

Children's Sermon: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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## Ushers

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

## Greeter

Jan Coye

## Video Producer

Mike Brown

## Flowers

Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

## Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

Pastor

Rev. Shirley Paxton

Parish Advisor

Neil Myer

Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman

Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze

Pianist

## This Week at Eastminster:

*February 4 through February 11, 2024*

### **SUNDAY, 2/4**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch

11:15 a.m.

Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert

3:00 p.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 2/5**

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia

7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 2/6**

Chorale Ensemble

10:00 a.m.

Penny Draper Recital

6:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 2/7**

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

### **THURSDAY, 2/8**

UKirk Dinner and Gathering

6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gathering

7:00 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, 2/10**

Advent House

8:30 a.m.

PageTurners

10:00 a.m.

## **SUNDAY, 2/11 Souper Bowl Sunday**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:15 a.m.

Deacons

12:00 p.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

## **Day of Remembrance and Reflection**



On February 13th, the anniversary of the mass shooting at MSU, Eastminster will be open to the community from 10am-4pm. There will be space for self-led prayer and reflection all day. At 11am there will be a guided art project and you are welcome to join us for lunch between 11:30 am and 1 p.m. Please let us know if you are joining us for the meal by emailing Neil Myer before Feb. 8. The whole community is invited for a short guided reflection at 1pm.

# **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**



**February 14th at 7:00pm  
in-person & on YouTube**

We will be having communion and imposition of ashes during this service.





School Break

# ADVENTURES

February 16 and February 19, from 9am-3pm  
at Eastminster

Children, grades K-7 are invited to spend the Friday  
and/or Monday off school at Eastminster for a fun day  
filled with activities.

## **Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11**

This year, we will be collecting monetary donations for the MSU Student Food Bank and donations of boxes and bags of cereal for Advent House on Super Bowl Sunday.

## **PageTurners: Feb. 10, 10 a.m.**

Eastminster's book club will meet this Saturday at 10 a.m. on Zoom. The book being discussed is "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett.

## **Advent House**

We will be preparing meals this week for Advent House. The sign-up sheet to bring meals is in the Narthex. Those who have signed up should bring their food by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

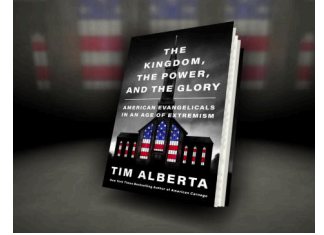
## **Chancel Flowers**

Each Sunday, we place flowers in the chancel. Would you like to dedicate the flowers in memory or in honor of someone? Flower donations are \$50 and you can take the flowers home the week you dedicate them. Sign-up outside the church office.

## Book Discussion

Rev. Dr. Jeff O'Neill is going to be leading a book discussion on "The Kingdom, The Power, And the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism" by Tim Alberta.

If you are interested, we encourage you to purchase the book and let Jeff or the church office know. More information will be coming.



## Lansing Matinee Musicale concert Feb. 4

The Lansing Matinee Musicale will be presenting a jazz concert at Eastminster at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4. It will feature Arlene McDaniel and Ed Fedewa performing jazz originals and standards. A social hour with such games as Bingo, Jeopardy and charades will follow.

Arlene McDaniel is a jazz pianist while Ed Fedewa is an instructor of classical double bass and electrical bass.



## Elders and Deacons

**Susan Smalley, Clerk of Session/Robert Kleine, Treasurer**

<b>Elders</b>		
<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2026</u></b>
<b>Mike Brown</b>	<b>Mary Lou Clifton</b>	<b>Heather Heitman</b>
<b>Linda Hardenbergh</b>	<b>Patsy King</b>	<b>Sam O'Neill</b>
<b>Mike Jones</b>	<b>Susan Smalley</b>	<b>Charlotte Smith</b>

<b>Deacons</b>		
<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2026</u></b>
<b>Beverly Bonning*</b>	<b>Sulin Campbell</b>	<b>Sue Kalvonjian</b>
<b>Suzanne Hunt</b>	<b>Barb Dalzell</b>	<b>Estelle McGroarty</b>
<b>Cindy Nixon</b>	<b>Jeff Lapinski</b>	<b>Brenda Ramsby</b>

***\*Moderator***