



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
February 25, 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. 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 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Threshold Moment “Return to You”

*Call to Worship

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and the convicted.

One: Wherever you are on your journey,

All: there is room for all to gather here.

One: This God’s house.

All: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

*Hymn #401 Here in This Place

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

*There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.*

*In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
 spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.
 Forgive us for doubting ourselves.
 Forgive us for doubting you.
 Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.
 With hope in our hearts we pray,
 amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #743 O God, You Are My God**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: G D C D
 O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise

Staff 2: G Dsus7 D7 G D C D
 you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise

Staff 3: G Em Dsus D
 you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will

Staff 4: C Am7 G
 learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead

Staff 5: D C Dsus7 D7 G
 me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

***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 Psalm 22:23-31 Old Testament p. 474

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:22-33 New Testament p. 15

Sermon Rescue me from danger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

***Hymn #463** How Firm a Foundation

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Ruth Hartwig

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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This Week at Eastminster:

February 25 through March 3, 2024

SUNDAY, 2/25

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion

11:15 a.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 2/26

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot

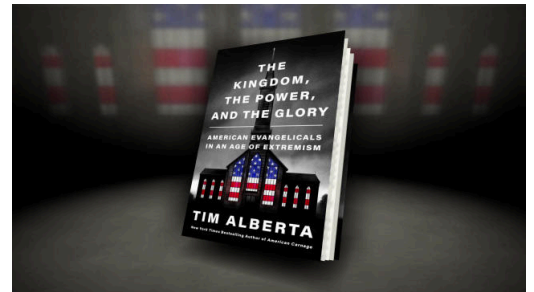
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TUESDAY, 2/27 Primary Election

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 2/28	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
THURSDAY, 2/29	
UKirk Dinner and Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 3/3	
Worship/Baptism	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Book Discussion	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
<i>Bridgette will be out of the office Monday, Feb. 26.</i>	

Book Discussion

A book discussion group on *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory* by Tim Alberta will begin meeting today following worship. The book is concerned with how the Evangelical wing of Christianity has become poisonously entangled with politics, but it has lessons for us persons of faith. Feel free to join the discussion whether you have read the book or not. See Jeff O'Neill if you have questions.



All-Church Lunch

Next Sunday, March 3rd, we will be having an All-Church Lunch and Wandering Hearts scavenger hunt right after worship. The menu will be pulled pork and mac and cheese. All are welcome!