



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 3, 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

March 3, 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: If you ask the sky who God is,

All: *the sky will tell you of God's reach.*

One: If you ask the day who God is,

All: *the sun will tell you of God's warmth.*

One: If you ask the night who God is,

All: *the moon will tell you of God's comfort.*

One: “The heavens are telling the glory of God?”

Are you listening?

All: *We are listening!*

We will sing of God's glory

One: Let us worship Holy God.

***Hymn #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God,

Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings —

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves,
we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

G D C D

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise

G Dsus7 D7 G D C D

you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise

G Em Dsus D

you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will

C Am7 G

learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead

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 19

Old Testament, p. 472

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-20

New Testament, p. 17

Sermon Praise the mount

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

The Sacrament of Baptism

Astrid Elizabeth Vermaas

Presentation

Profession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Baptism

Sung Response #482 Baptized in Water
***Baptized in water; sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.***

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 #667** When Morning Gilds the Skies

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Lacy Myer

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Jeff Lapinski and Beverly Bonning in celebration of all the March birthdays.

Ushers

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

Greeter

Elaine Cable

Video Producer

Mike Brown

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

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Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman

Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster:

March 3, 2024 through March 10

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.

MONDAY, 3/4

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 3/5

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 3/6

Infrastructure Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 3/7

DAR Lunch

1:00 p.m.

UKirk Dinner and Gathering

6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gathering

7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3/9

Advent House

8:30 a.m.

Presbytery Meeting/Kalamazoo

9:30 a.m.

PageTurners

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 3/10

Worship/Baptism

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion

11:15 a.m.

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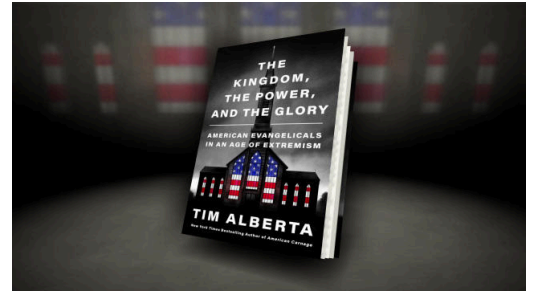
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Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

Book Discussion

A book discussion group on *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory* by Tim Alberta will continue 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

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!

Choir

We are putting together a choir for Easter Sunday. We will meet in the Sanctuary on four Saturday mornings — starting March 9th through March 30th — for warmups and to prepare a new anthem to sing for Easter Sunday. We will be meeting from 10:30 - 11:45 AM, and all are welcome to join the music-making. Please contact Sulin Campbell for more information.

Page Turners

The next Page Turners book club discussion will take place on Zoom on March 9 at 10 a.m. The book being discussed in March is “The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie” by Rachel Linden in which the main character gets three

magic lemon drops on her birthday and each drop allows her to live a single day of a life that might have been.

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is Saturday, March 9. Please sign up to bring a meal in the Narthex.



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing donations support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and zSelf-Development of People, all of which work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. You can give to One Great Hour of Sharing using the envelopes in the pews or at our online giving page on the website.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies are coming soon to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Would you like to make a dedication? A list of memorials/honoraria will be in the bulletins on March 24 and 31. Please complete the form in the Narthex and drop a check in the offering plate or pay online at our website. Please submit your order by Monday, March 18. Please note that this is for a dedication only. You will not be able to take the flowers home as we will order only three lilies for the chancel. Thank you!