



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**March 10, 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**  
March 10, 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.*

**Threshold Moment**                      “Return to You”

**\*Call to Worship**

One:        On our worst days,

*All:        God is good.*

One:        On our best days,

*All:        God is good.*

One:        When life is consistent,

*All:        God is good.*

One:        And when life turns on its head,

*All:        God is good.*

One:        Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

*All:        God is good. God is here. God is love.*

One:        Hold tight to that good news.

**\*Hymn #720**                      Jesus Calls Us

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God,*

*We often find ourselves moving through a world  
that does not make sense.*

*Like Peter, we want to yell out, “This should not happen!”*

*We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.*

*We want to hold your world in our hands.  
 Forgive us for the moments when we lead  
 with declarations instead of curiosity.  
 Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.  
 Forgive us for fixating on one truth,  
 when we could open ourselves up to many.  
 Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.  
 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 107:1-3, 17-22 Old Testament, pp.528-529

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 16:21-23 New Testament, p. 17

**Sermon** I'm fixed upon it

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Installation of Officers**

**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 #833** O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sara Weeden

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given today to the glory of God.

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

**Greeter**

Mary Lou Clifton

**Video Producer**

Heather Myer

**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:**

*March 10 through March 17*

**SUNDAY, 3/10**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion

11:15 a.m.

Deacons

12:00 p.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 3/11**

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 3/12**

Session

7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 3/13**

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY, 3/14**

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.

UKirk Dinner and Gathering

6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, 3/16</b>	
Easter Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 3/17</b>	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Book Discussion	11:15 a.m.
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. Feel free to join the discussion whether you have read the book or not. See Jeff O'Neill if you have questions.

### **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.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing donations support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, all of which work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. 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 31 and April 7. 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 25. 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!

