



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
November 24, 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.



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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There are offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

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

November 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Call to Worship

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

ALL: Rejoice in the music, rejoice in the quiet

One: Rejoice in the Word spoken, rejoice in the Word lived

ALL: Rejoice in this sacred hour; rejoice in this sacred life.

One: Rejoice in God's presence, rejoice in God's love

ALL: Rejoice in the Lord always; again we will say, Rejoice!

*Hymn #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

*God of grace and mercy, we confess
that sometimes our lives feel the opposite
of everything you have asked of us.*

*We are short-tempered and frantic,
dispirited and distressed,
distracted by the worst the world has to offer—*

*sometimes, dear God, we even secretly enjoy
rubbernecking at human suffering.*

*And the worst of it, God,
is that when all our sinful habits
make you seem so far away,
we act like it's your fault.*

Amend us, Lord.

Train our minds and hearts.

*Open us to the joy we can find
in prayer, in thanksgiving, in gentleness.*

*Help us to live differently
than how we've been.*

*We pray with trust
that you can do this. Amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #414 Be Still and Know That I Am God**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'Be Still and Know That I Am God'. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C#5 (half). Above the notes are chords: E* (above G), C#m* (above A), E7 (above B), and C#m (above C#). Below the notes are the lyrics: 'Be still and know that I am God.' The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The notes are: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C#5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G#5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C#6 (half). Above the notes are chords: (F) A, (C) E, (Dm) F#m, (Em) G#m, (Fmaj7) Amaj7, and (G7) B7. Below the notes are the lyrics: 'Be still and know that I am God.'

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Litany of Commitment

*O God, we are a church in progress:
not perfect, but working daily
to love you more and serve you better.*

*Today we re-commit ourselves
to the daily practices of being church:
to stand firm in one spirit,
to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel
to look to the interests of others
to recognize God at work in us,
to press on toward the goal of Christ.
As we commit today to next years' gifts
of money, time, energy and prayer
and wonder what lies ahead,
we rejoice that we are making the journey with God.
Again we say: we rejoice!*

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 #712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Linda Hardenbergh

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Brenda Ramsby

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Barb Stowitts in memory of Douglas Stowitts.

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This Week at Eastminster: *November 24-December 1*

SUNDAY, 11/24

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 11:15 a.m.

Community Bells 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, 11/25

CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 11/26	
Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY, 11/28 - Happy Thanksgiving	
SUNDAY, 12/1	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Decorating the Church!	11:15 a.m.

Stewardship

Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible. There are extra cards in the narthex or you can pledge online. Thank you for your generosity!

December 1st - Hanging of the Greens

After worship next Sunday join us as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Capital City Ringers Concert

Capital City Ringers, a professional handbell choir, will be performing their Holiday concert here on Friday, December 6th. The concert is free, but donations are accepted.

Advent Workshop - December 8th

After worship on December 8th we will have an intergenerational event to engage our Advent theme of “Words for the Beginning.”

Advent Devotionals

Advent Devotionals are in the narthex for those who would like one. They correspond with our sermon series for Advent and Christmas.



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