



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
December 29, 2024



FOR THE **BEGINNING**

— DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH —

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
December 29, 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: We have named our joy out loud, and it is clear—

ALL: God is in our joy.

One: God is in this room.

ALL: We have reason to celebrate.

One: We have a reason to sing.

ALL: Thanks be to God for the bright hope of this day.

***Hymn #132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Joyful God,

*You told us that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven,
we must be like children.*

Did you mean that like children, we must practice unhindered joy?

*Did you mean that like children, we should lean into laughter,
release our cynicism, and open ourselves to delight?*

*In a world as broken and battered as ours, we admit,
this often seems easier said than done.*

Forgive us, patient God, for the moments

when we are so focused on the bad that we miss the good.

*Forgive us for hearing the nativity story and staying in our seats
instead of jumping for joy.*

*We know that even now
you are sowing delight in our lives.
Open our hearts up to it.
With gratitude we pray, amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response** Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain)

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics 'Glo - - - ri - a' are positioned below the treble staff.

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -' are positioned below the treble staff.

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The third system of musical notation concludes the phrase. The lyrics '- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!' are positioned below the treble staff.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

LESSON ONE

Listen for Joy Luke 2:10 and Isaiah 9:2-3

Sing with Joy #136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Practice Joy

LESSON TWO

Listen for Joy Matthew 2:10 and Psalm 148

Sing with Joy #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Practice Joy

LESSON THREE

Listen for Joy Psalm 126:1-3 and Isaiah 55:12-13

Sing with Joy #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Practice Joy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #110** Love Has Come

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Worship Leaders: Linda Hardenbergh, Robin Bell, Mike Brown

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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This Week at Eastminster: *December 29-January 5*

SUNDAY, 12/29

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 12/30

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 12/31 Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, 1/1 Happy New Year

Office Closed

SUNDAY, 1/5

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Poinsettia Dedications



Given By	In Memory Of
Virginia Allen	Bruce Allen
Bruce Augenstein	Sue Augenstein
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
Rebecca Dean	Phil Dean
Tom and Linda Hardenbergh	Our parents, Clark and Ellen Clayton and Beki
Suzanne and Chase Hunt	Our parents, Clarence and Geraldine Mahn, George and Katherine Hunt Our son, David Hunt
Barbara Lowes	Ross Lowes
Robert Nees	Mary K. Hodges-Nees
Irv Nichols	Christy Nichols
Shirley Paxton	Bill Paxton
Brenda Ramsby	My parents, Bill and Joyce Travis



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