



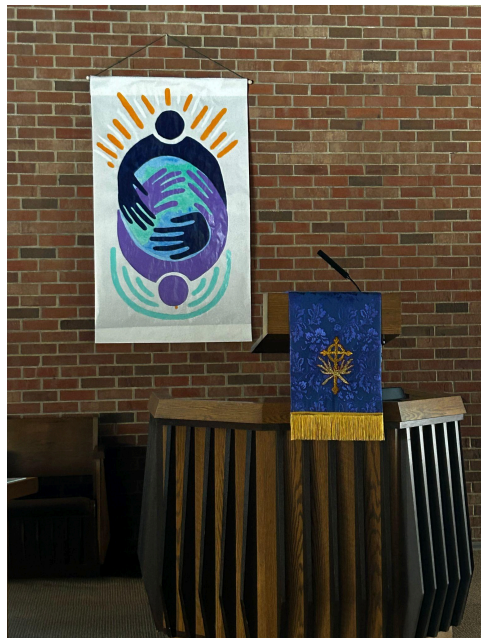
Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024

WORDS
FOR THE BEGINNING
— LOVE KNOWS YOUR NAME —

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.

The offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website.

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.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting

*Hymn #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving Christ,

*When the shepherds heard that you were born,
they dropped their things and ran.*

They trusted the angels' invitation.

They believed that your love existed for them.

We wish that we were more like that.

*Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger,
we tend to lose our way.*

We doubt ourselves.

We doubt the invitation.

We doubt that love could know our names.

Remind us that your love is personal and specific.

Remind us that the good news of this day is for us.

With hope we sing, we pray, and we run.

Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #113 Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)

Refrain

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Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

Old Testament, p. 600

Hymn #88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, 7)

Poem "O Emmanuel" by Malcolm Guite

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-4 New Testament, p. 54

Carol #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1, 3, 4)

Scripture Reading Luke 2:5-7 New Testament, p. 54

Special Music Still, Still, Still Eastminster Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-12 New Testament, pp. 54-55

Carol #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Scripture Reading Luke 2:13-20 New Testament, p. 55

Sermon Love Knows Your Name Rev. Kristin Stroble

***Hymn #134** Joy to the World

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Joy to the World!

The Lord is come!

Sing to the Lord all the people of the earth!

Alleluia!

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

Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward may be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

Candle Lighting John 1

New Testament, p. 86

(Please keep the lighted candle vertical and tip the unlighted candle toward the flame to light it.)

***Hymn #122** *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light, with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our king: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Liturgists: Neil Myer, Rev. Jeff O'Neill, Sam O'Neill, Rev. Shirley Paxton

Advent Wreath Lighting: Jim Artabasy and Susan Smalley

Musicians: Daniella Greene, Alirna Korieva, Aaron Longuski

Choir Director: Sulin Campbell

Eastminster Choir

Communion Servers: Barb Dalzell, Sacha Roennecke, Jeff and Sam O'Neill

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Holiday Church Office Hours

The Church Office will close at noon on Dec. 24 and be closed December 25, December 26, December 31, and January 1st. The office will be open on December 30 and January 2nd.

Sunday, December 29th we will have a worship service of Lessons and Laughter at 10:00am. Join us in person or watch the live-stream.

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
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Shirley Paxton	Bill Paxton
Brenda Ramsby	My parents, Bill and Joyce Travis