



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
January 12, 2025**



**Baptism of the Lord**

# 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**  
January 12, 2025 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.*

**\*Call to Worship**

One: But now thus says the Lord,  
the one who created you, O Jacob,  
the one who formed you, O Israel;

*ALL: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.*

**\*Hymn #156** Sing of God Made Manifest

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Words of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response #475**

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!*

**\*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**      Psalm 29      Old Testament, pp. 477-478

**Scripture Reading**      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22      New Testament, p. 56

**Sermon**      Water

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.*

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,*

*claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.*

*In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **Pastoral Prayer & 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.*

**\*Hymn #547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Rebecca Dean

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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## **Usher**

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

## **Greeter**

Sue Miller

## **Video Producer**

Heather Myer

## **Flowers**

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

## **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: *January 12-19***

### **SUNDAY, 1/12**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 1/13**

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 1/14**

Chorale Ensemble 10:00 a.m.

Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 1/15**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Community Connections Mtg.	7:00 p.m.

*Kristin out of office*

**THURSDAY, 1/16**

20s/30s/40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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**SATURDAY, 1/18**

Page Turners	10:00 a.m.
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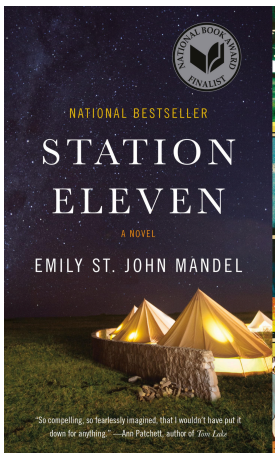
**SUNDAY, 1/19 Per Capita Sunday**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
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**Donation Statements:** Year-end donation statements went out this week. Please contact the office if you did not receive them or if you have any questions.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on January 26th after worship. It will be a combination of the annual meeting of the corporation and the program meeting.



**PageTurners**

PageTurners, Eastminster's book club, will be meeting this month on the third Saturday (Jan. 18) rather than the 2nd Saturday. Members (and all are welcome) will gather at 10 a.m. and this month will be discussing *Station 11* by Emily St. John Mandel. The novel takes place in the Great Lakes region before and after a swine flu pandemic, known as the "Georgia Flu," has devastated the world, killing most of the population.



**Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.**

