

Service for the Lord's Day January 19, 2025



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 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

A Thought on Entering

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." Isaiah 43:1

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

*Call to Worship Psalm 95

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

*Hymn #409 God is Here!

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy law. We have done those things we ought not to have done and we have left undone those things we ought to have done and there is no help in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father,

for his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

- *Silent Confession
- *Words of Forgiveness
- *Sung Response #649
 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination Hymn #451
Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:6-12

Old Testament, pp. 644-645

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon Paul and His Letter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Unison Reading Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have heard and seen and learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Time of Reflection

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 #611 Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Shirley Paxton

Worship Leader: Ruth Hartwig

Children's Message: Rev. Shirley Paxton

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Usher

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian

Greeter
Ron Davis

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh

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 19-26

SUNDAY, 1/19

Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/20 MLK Day

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/21 Office Closed for Records Day

Chorale Ensemble 10:00 a.m.

UKirk Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/22

Men's Bible Study

Bible Study

UKirk Gathering

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/23

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 1/26

Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Kristin is on vacation from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25.

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. The purpose is to receive the annual report, vote on nominating committee members, vote on terms of call for the pastor, and to amend the bylaws.

Book Study: On January 26th we are starting a new sermon series and book study. We will be reading "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor. You can purchase the book to read along or join the discussion on Sundays after worship even if you haven't read the book.

Per Capita

Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. Each year, Presbyterians across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) make a commitment to support one another through per capita giving. This call to generosity is deeply rooted in the values that guide what it means to be a Presbyterian:

- We are a priesthood of all believers.
- All people are equally created and called by God to serve God's church.
- As a part of this call, we share in the responsibility of supporting the church.
- We are a connectional church. No worshipping community is isolated.



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