



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
February 2, 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

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“Darkness turns out to be as essential to our physical well-being as light. We not only need plenty of darkness to sleep well; we also need it to be well.”
-Barbara Brown Taylor

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather to worship with expectation.
We gather to listen and look for God revealed in new ways.

ALL: *For God comes in music and in liturgy,
in Word and in dreams.*

One: God comes to us. God's presence is with us.
We long to believe this good news.

ALL: *O God, we long to believe.
Help our unbelief!*

***Hymn #401** Here in This Place

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that we don't always trust that you are still speaking. We read stories about you coming in visions and in dreams and they seem hard to believe. We also confess that we don't like nighttime interruptions. When we are awakened in the night by our worries and fears, we turn on a light

and distract ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to stay present with our emotions, to be attentive to our thoughts. Open us to the imagination of our soul and the insights that illuminate only in the night. In the name of Christ, who sat with his fear underneath the night sky in the garden, we pray, Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #447 We Are Forgiven**

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

***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 126:1-6	Old Testament, p. 541
Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:22-31	Old Testament, p. 29
Sermon	Darkness is for Dreaming	

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and 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

***Hymn #450** Be Thou My Vision

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Rachel Giddings

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Usher

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

Greeter

Jason Giddings

Video Producer

Mike Brown

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: *Feb. 2-Feb. 9*

SUNDAY, 2/2

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 2/3

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2/4

Chorale Ensemble 10:00 a.m.

Infrastructure Meeting 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/5

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/6

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

SATURDAY, 2/8

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.
Mid-Winter Break	1:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 2/9	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Book Discussion	11:15 a.m.

Sermon Series & Book Study: We are in the midst of the sermon series “Learning to Walk in the Dark,” exploring the gifts of darkness. Alongside this series 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.

School Break Adventures

School Break Adventures will be returning on Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17 for children and youth in kindergarten-8th grade. These are days off from school spent engaging in a variety of faith formation activities. To sign up a participant, please contact the church office or let Neil Myer know.

Advent House

We need 3 more people to sign up for the Feb. 8 meal. Sign ups are in the narthex.

Mid-Winter Break

On Saturday, February 8th from 1-3pm all are invited to join us for board games and crafts. Come take a break from the cold and gather with community!



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

