



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

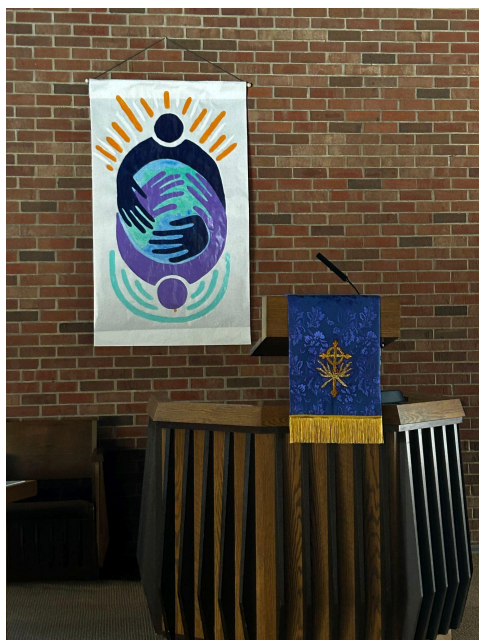
**Service for the Lord's Day
February 16, 2025**



Learning to Walk in The Dark

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 16, 2025

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: The word of God came to Jonah

ALL: *The word of God comes to us:*

One: Go

ALL: *Despite your fears*

One: Speak

ALL: *the truth of God*

One: Love

ALL: *your neighbor and your enemy*

One: Forgive

ALL: *as you have been forgiven*

One: Receive

ALL: *grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.*

*Hymn #5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God, we are often like Jonah. We run away from you and your call. We wonder why you are kind to people who don't deserve your kindness. Somedays, we'd like to go away and pout like Jonah. Open our eyes, so we can see things differently. Open our hearts to your presence and love. Give us the strength to love our neighbors. And

help us to repent like the people of Nineveh did. Forgive us, God. 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.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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WE ARE FORGIVEN
10.8.10.8

***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 Jonah 1-2 Old Testament, p. 810-811

Sermon Darkness is for Praying

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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 #23** God You Spin the Whirling Planets

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Susan Smalley

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Usher

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian

Greeter

Emmanuel Yewah

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh & Robin Bell

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. 16-23*

SUNDAY, 2/16

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Book Discussion	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 2/17

School Break Adventures	9am-3pm
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2/18

Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/19

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

THURSDAY, 2/20

20s/30s/40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, 2/22

Night Hike at Harris Nature Center	7:00 p.m.
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Advent House Meal

Our next Advent House meal is March 8th. The sign-up sheet is now in the narthex as well as pans and recipes.

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.

Night Hike/Campfire Program

Eastminster is going to participate in Harris Nature Center’s program on Feb. 22 at 7pm. There will be campfire, smores, talk about owls, guided walk. Cost is \$5 and you can register on Harris’ website.

Presbytery Meeting - March 8

On March 8th, Eastminster is hosting the presbytery meeting. We need volunteers to help with parking, registration, coffee, lunch, and general hospitality. If you are willing to help for part or all of the day please speak to Pastor Kristin or to Sam O’Neill. Thank you.



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