



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
March 2, 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](http://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**  
March 2, 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: God, you bring us together in this place,

*ALL: we come to be fed,  
to be renewed,  
to seek understanding.*

One: God, you challenge us in this place,

*ALL: we embrace the challenge,  
trusting that through challenge we grow.*

One: God, you are revealed in this place,

*ALL: sometimes in shining glory,  
sometimes in tears and struggle.*

One: God, as we worship in this place,

*ALL: refresh, renew, and challenge us  
that we would see you and each other.*

**\*Hymn #193** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and*

*transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. 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  
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN  
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**\*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** Exodus 34:29-35 Old Testament, p. 79

**Special Music**     *O’Nata Lux*

Stuart Chapman Hill

**Scripture Reading**     Luke 9:28-36

New Testament, p. 65

**Sermon**     Darkness is for Dwelling in Mystery

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #230**     Joyful is the Dark

### **Communion & 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 #12**     Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Jeff Lapinski

Special Music: Sue Rosser and Sara Weeden

Children’s Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

Communion Servers: Sacha Roennecke, Sulin Campbell, Linda

Hardenbergh, Robin Bell

Worship Credits: The call to worship is adapted from a prayer by Rev Gord; The prayer of confession is from the Presbyterian Outlook; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

### **Usher**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

**Greeter**

Dave Duryea

**Video Producer**

Mike Brown

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Sam O'Neill..... <<need to find out>>

**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:** *March 2-March 9*

**SUNDAY, 3/2**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:15 a.m.

**MONDAY, 3/3**

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
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**TUESDAY, 3/4**

Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
Infrastructure Meeting	10:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 3/5**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 3/6**

20s/30s/40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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**SATURDAY, 3/8**

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
Presbytery Meeting	9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, 3/2 Communion**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be March 5th at 7pm and will include communion and imposition of ashes.

## **Movie Night**

Mark your calendars, on March 20th at 7pm we will have a movie night at the church. We'll be watching "The Way" starring Martin Sheen. This movie is about the Camino, the pilgrimage Pastor Kristin will be taking on her sabbatical.

**All-Church Lunch** - We are having an all-church lunch after worship today.

## **Per Capita**

This year's Per Capita is \$42. This amount is split between the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, the General Assembly and the synod.

## **Lent Devotional**

This year's devotional will be "Turning Over Tables" by Kathy Escobar. The church has ordered 20 copies of this book. You can purchase them from us for \$10 each or buy them online. The books will hopefully be available for purchase by Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



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

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