



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 16, 2022



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Indescribable & Morning Has Broken*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

L. In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

P. With unsettled questions in our hearts,

L. With the mystery of God enshrouding us,

P. Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,

L. Let us worship God.

Hymn #5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
we are aim - less; lead us now.
we are hun - gry; feed us now.
we are search - ing; meet us now.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have often failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are often a people divided against ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change, so we might be open to a future in which we can be changed. Help us to

grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-16

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40

Sermon *What Does a Christian Have to Believe?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection - Living the Questions Video from *The Work of the People*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & 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 #687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 bears all our years away; our hope for years to come,
 they fly forgotten, as a dream be thou our guard while life shall last,
 dies at the opening day. and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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*Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus & In Christ Alone*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Debi Cox
Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer
Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Vocals: Sue Rosser and Jadrian Tarver
Video Producer: Susan Smalley

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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/Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

This Week at Eastminster:

Jan. 16 through Jan. 23

SUNDAY, 1/16

Virtual Worship	10:00 a.m.
Education Hour (on Zoom)	11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/17

Financial Books close

TUESDAY, 1/18

Bell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 1/19

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 1/23

Virtual Worship	10:00 a.m.
Education Hour	11:00 a.m.

Big Questions Sermon Series

Our current sermon series is "Big Questions." The questions below are taken from what you, the congregation, submitted. Please know if you submitted a question and it is not being addressed, you are welcome to come talk about it with Kristin. Come explore big questions with us!

January 23rd: The World is a Mess. Why Doesn't God Do Something?

February 6th: Predestination: Is This Good News?

February 13th: The Cross: Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Is God Against Us?

February 20th: Heaven: Will We Recognize Each Other? Can We Trust We'll Get There? Is There Enough Room?

February 27th: What is the Role of the Church in 2022?

Important Information from the Session

At last week's meeting, the Session voted to extend our pause on in-person worship through the end of January. We will be worshipping virtual only Sundays January 16, 23, and 30th. Our plan is to resume in-person worship (with a virtual option) on February 6th, which will also be the date of our Annual Congregational Meeting.

Session is carefully watching the infection and hospitalization numbers and wants to ensure we do not increase the load on our hospitals. This is an act of love for our neighbors, frontline workers, wider community, and congregation. Thank you for understanding.

Education Formation Forum: Sundays at 11am

Join us each Sunday (January on Zoom) at 11am following worship for our education forum. Over the next many weeks we will complement our Big Questions sermon series. Each week will be different, so join us whenever your schedule allows. We will engage questions and include thought provoking activities that will stretch our thinking as we grow in faith and learn from one another.

Jan 16 Are there essentials of the Christian faith? What are they for you? (Seven Word Gospel)

Jan 23 How can I practice faith on days other than Sunday? (Spiritual Practices)

Jan 30 What is this Presbyterian alphabet soup? (An educational game of Balderdash)

Feb 6 Predestination (Rev. Dr. Jeff O'Neill facilitating)

ADVENT HOUSE: The next monthly lunch we are preparing is February 12th. You can sign up to bring an item to fill 60 lunches (contact the office to see what is still needed). We also need volunteers to assemble lunches on February 12th at 8:00am.