



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
February 20, 2022



## 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.

In an effort to keep our community safe and to love our neighbor, we are requiring masks in the building regardless of vaccination status.



Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew, sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary or right now in the back of the sanctuary on the padded chairs. We have not yet resumed childcare, so if you are worried about your child getting a little wiggly or loud you can also worship in the Green Room where your child will have more space to move.

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. We do turn the camera off during the children's sermon and have that part audio only. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

*\* Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*  
***Text*** *is read or sung by the congregation.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 20, 2021

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**

L. We are met in the presence of God,  
*P. And we do not meet alone.*  
L. With the angels in highest heaven,  
With the saints of every age,  
With the church throughout the world,  
*P. We gather to worship our God.*  
L. We are met in the presence of God,  
*P. And we do not meet alone.*

**Hymn #373** O Day of Peace

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*O Lord our God,  
you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.  
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
but we are content to live in separation.*

***You call us to seek the good of all,  
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.  
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,  
but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.***

***Forgive us, O Lord.  
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,  
and give us the courage and strength  
to be reconciled to others;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.***

**Silent Confession**

**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**     Isaiah 25:6-9

**Special Music**

**Scripture Reading**     Revelation 21:1-6

**Sermon**     Heaven: Can we trust we'll get there? Is there enough room?

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**



## **Affirmation of Faith** *from a Brief Statement of Faith*

***In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

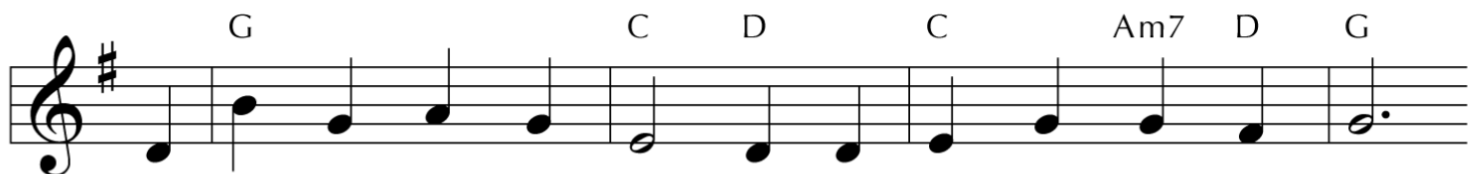
## **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

***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.***

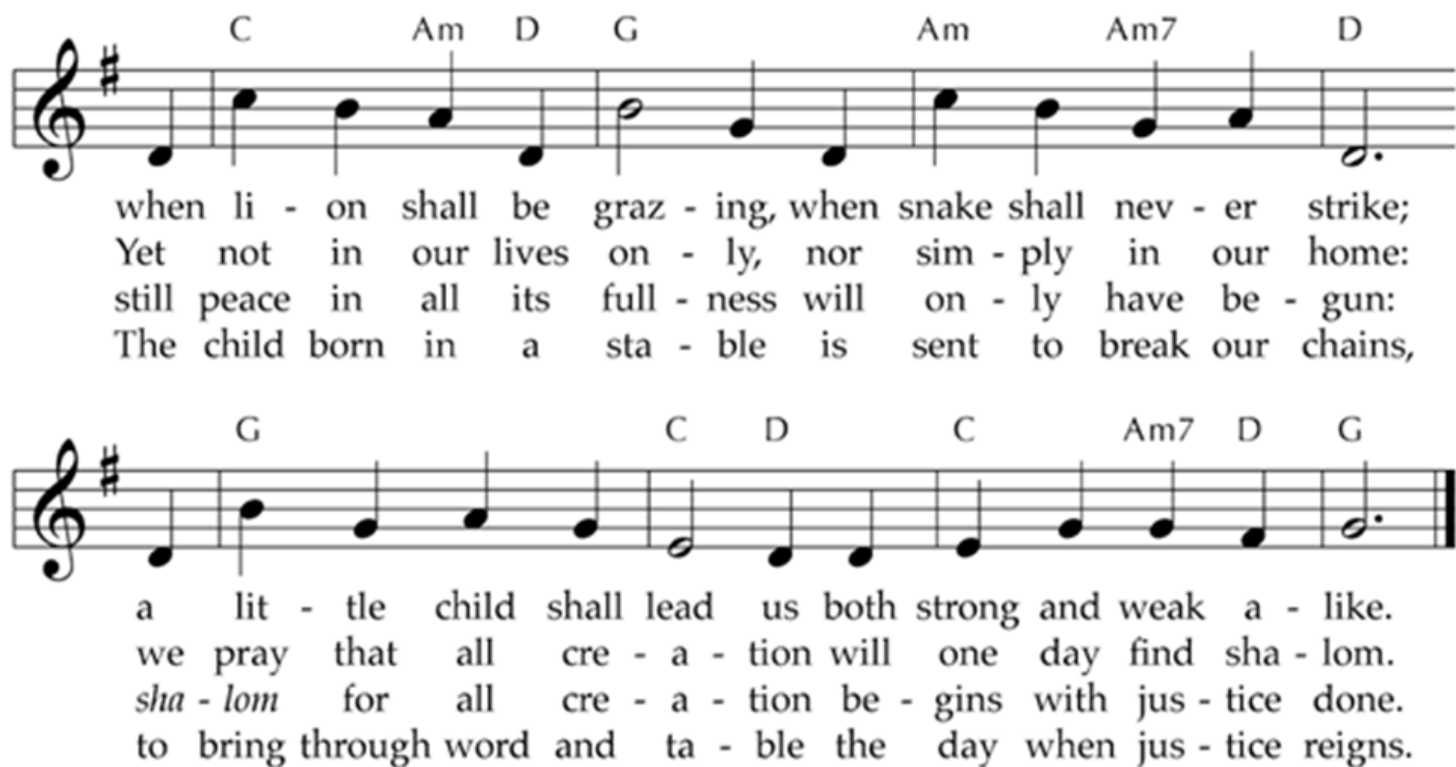
## **\*Hymn #378**      **We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom**



- 1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
- 2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
- 3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
- 4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,  
We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.  
when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"  
to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.



when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;  
 Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:  
 still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:  
 The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,

a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.  
 we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.  
 sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its “little child” with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer’s sister, his first piano teacher.

TEXT: Kathleen R. Moore, 2010

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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MERLE'S TUNE

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## \*Charge & Benediction

## Postlude

### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Amanda Lanier

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Special Music: John Khaydarov, Clarinet

Video Producer: Susan Smalley

**Worship Credits:** The call to worship is adapted from A Wee Worship Book, The prayer of confession is from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

### **Ushers**

Head usher: Sue Kalvonjian

### **Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Bob and Katie Wilcox.

### **Greeter**

Sam O'Neill

### **Counters**

Barb Stowitts and Jesse Turner

### **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	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

### **This Week at Eastminster:**

*February 20 through February 27*

#### **SUNDAY, 2/20**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Forum	11:00 a.m.

#### **MONDAY, 2/21**

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
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#### **WEDNESDAY, 2/22**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, 2/23**

Finance & Administration	9:00 a.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 2/27</b>	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Forum	11:00 a.m.



### **Sermon Series: Big Questions**

Our current sermon series is "Big Questions." The questions below are taken from what you, the congregation, submitted.

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

### **Education Formation Forum: Sundays at 11 am**

Join us each Sunday following worship for our education forum. Over the next many weeks we will complement our Big Questions sermon series.

Feb 20 Images of Heaven

Feb 27 Role of the Church in 2022

**Ash Wednesday:** Our Ash Wednesday Service will be March 2nd at 7pm. The service will be in-person and live streamed to YouTube. The service will include communion and imposition of ashes.

## Advent House



Thank you to everyone who provided food and helped pack lunches for Advent House: Susan Smalley, Dave Duryea, Mary Harvey, Barb Myles, Heather Myer, Sue Kalvonjian, Jan Coye, Beverly Bonning, Jeff Lapinski, and Debi Cox. We will have a sign-up sheet for March through May next week.

## Book Club

The Page Turners welcome anyone to join their book discussion every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. on Zoom.

Upcoming reads:

- **March:** Everyone will choose a favorite book, poem, or story from their childhood. Everyone will share why it engaged them and can read aloud a passage from the book.
- **April:** "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende.
- **May:** "The hummingbirds' gift, wonder, beauty and renewal on wings" by Sy Montgomery and "A hummingbird in my house: the story of Squeak" by Arnette Heidcamp.
- **June:** "Where the Forest Meets the Stars" by Glendy Vanderah.

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