



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
February 27, 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. 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.
Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 27, 2021

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

L. Breath of God,
Breath of life,
Breath of deepest yearning,

P. Come, Holy Spirit.

L. Comforter,
Disturber,
Interpreter,
Enthusier,

P. Come, Holy Spirit.

L. Friend,
Lamplighter,
Revealer of truth,
Midwife of change,

P. Come, Holy Spirit.

L. The Lord is here.

P. God's Spirit is with us.

Hymn #315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we can be an anxious people. We do not notice your presence all around us, and we often fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all the ways we fall short. Enable us to live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Special Music *God of Grace and God of Glory* Handbell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Scripture Reading Micah 6:6-8

Sermon What is the Role of the Church in 2022 and Beyond?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith *from A Declaration of Faith*

*The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus.
Led by the apostles, they began to proclaim with boldness
the new thing God had done in Christ.
They began to experience in their fellowship
a new quality of common life.*

*We believe that by the power of the same Spirit
the church can be set on its way again,
even when it seems beyond hope of renewal.
We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings.
We are faithful to the reformers of the past
when we hold ourselves open in the present
to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.*

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.*

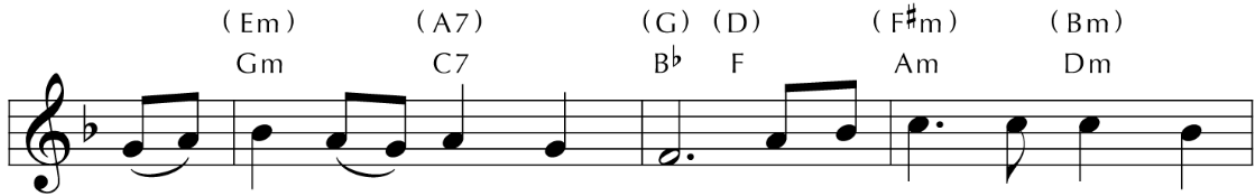
***Hymn #301** *Let Us Build a House*



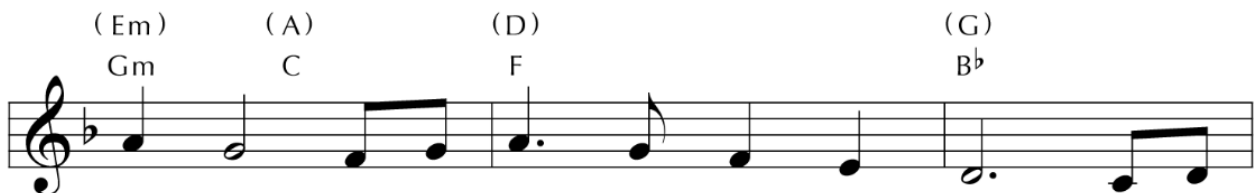
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Terry Graham

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Handbell Choir Director: Heather Myer

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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Ushers

Head usher: Barb Stowitts, Barb Dalzell

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Chuck Coye.

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Counters

Jeff Lapinski, Sue Rosser

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 27 through March 6

SUNDAY, 2/27

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum

11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 2/28

Trivia at Royal Scott

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 3/1

Handbell Choir

7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 3/2

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

11:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 3/3

Young Adult Gathering

7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 3/6

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum

11:00 a.m.

Education Formation Forum: Sundays at 11 am

Join us today following worship for our education forum as we finish up our discussion on big questions.

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.

Good Enough

“Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company, and we’ll never walk alone.”

Our Lenten sermon series is called “Good Enough”, a Lenten journey of embracing the imperfections of life and faith. Join us as we stop struggling for perfection, and begin seeking transformation. We begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and continue each Sunday through April 10.

Lent Small Groups

It’s been two years since the pandemic began. Two years of anxiety and isolation. One new study suggests that 36% of all Americans feel “serious loneliness,” though that number is probably still higher. We know that we need community, we need to come together. So this Lent, we’d invite you to commit to participating in a small group. They will meet once a week (either in-person or on Zoom) for no more than an hour. You won’t need to prepare anything ahead of time, just show up. To sign up or get more information, call the church office or email us for a link to the Google form.

This Lent, let's focus on reconnecting or forming new relationships, sharing the joys and the struggles of life and discovering together how beauty can be found amid the chaos.



Advent House

Sign up to bring an item for our next Advent House lunch or to help assemble the lunches. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the church office.

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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