



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
November 20, 2022**



# WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshipping 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.

Masks are now optional in the building.

We do have masks available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.



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. Our nursery is on the lower level for children 3 and under. It is staffed by two background-checked volunteers.

Hymn books and Bibles can be found under the pews.

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. 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

November 20, 2022

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. How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

*P. With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.*

L. How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

*P. With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.*

L. How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

*P. With wreaths of holly and ivy,  
telling of his passion, death and resurrection.*

L. How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

*P. By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.*

L. Let us worship God.

### **Special Music**

## The Meaning of Advent

**Scripture Reading**    Luke 21:25-28

### **Reflection**

**\*Hymn #267**            Come, Christians, Join to Sing

## Hope for God's Light

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 60:1-3

**Reflection**

**Hymn #314** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, vs 1-2

## Hope in the Paraments

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 64:8-9

**Reflection**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we do not always welcome the light, or trust the news to be good. We do not see your glory in our midst. We expect little, and hope for less. Forgive our doubt. Renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ our Lord.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #104**

*You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,  
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.  
In patient expectation, we live for that great day  
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.*

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

## Hope in the Wreath

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:2,6

**Reflection**

**Hymn #314** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, vs 3-5

## Hope in the Tree

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 11:1,6

**Reflection**

**Hymn #39** Great is Thy Faithfulness

## Hope in the Poinsettia

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 8:3-5

**Reflection**

**Hymn #129** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, Verse 1

## Hope for the Nativity

**Scripture Reading** Micah 5:2

**Reflection**

**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.*

## **Hope in Gifts**

**Scripture Reading** Malachi 3:1-4

**Reflection**

**Time of Reflection**

## **Hope in Our Songs**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 96:1-4; 10-13

**Reflection**

**Hymn #266** Joy to the World

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Brenda Ramsby

Special Music: Jeremy Makkonen, flute

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Susan Smalley

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## **Usher**

Head usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Tom Hardenbergh

## **Greeter**

Jan Coye

## **Counters**

Estelle McGroarty, Susan Smalley

## **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Bridgette Redman in memory of her father, Emory Daniels.

## **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:**

*Nov. 20 through Nov. 27*

### **SUNDAY, 11/20 Hanging of the Greens**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 11/21**

Trivia 7:00 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, 11/24 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed**

### **SUNDAY, 11/27 1st Sunday of Advent**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Art Project 11:15 a.m.

*Neil Myer is out of the office from Monday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 27.*

## Advent is Coming

The Advent Season is almost upon us! The first Sunday of Advent is



November 27. The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Advent and Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. This Advent as we explore our theme "From Generation to Generation" may we remember that we belong to God and to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to a love that won't let us

go.

Today we are having a Hanging of the Greens Worship service. We will be decorating the church during and after worship while learning about the symbols of the season that those who came before us gave us.

Advent Devotionals are available to be picked up in the narthex. If you would like one mailed to you please email Bridgette at [office@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:office@eastminsterchurch.org) or call the church office.

## More Light

At the November Session meeting, Eastminster's Session voted unanimously to become a member church of More Light Presbyterians. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. The Session felt this decision was naming what was already true at Eastminster, which is that all are welcome and all are loved. Alongside becoming a More Light Church we plan to more explicitly name on our website that we are an open and affirming church, accepting of all of God's children.





## Stewardship: Together for Joy

Thank you to all those who have pledged. If you haven't yet, there is still time. Extra pledge cards are in the Narthex.

Pledges received: \$252,484

Last year's pledges: \$267,936



# Capital City Ringers

*Mark Loring, Director*

**Present:**

## "bRinging Back Christmas"

**Handbell Concert**

**Friday, December 2**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Eastminster Presbyterian Church**

**1315 Abbot Rd.**

**East Lansing, MI 48823**