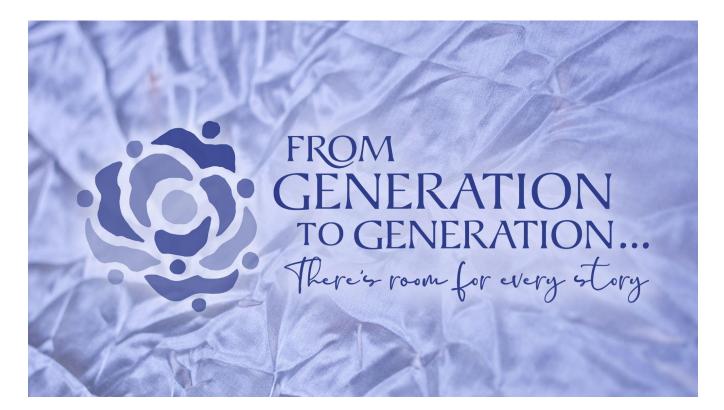


Service for the Lord's Day November 27, 2022



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.

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 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

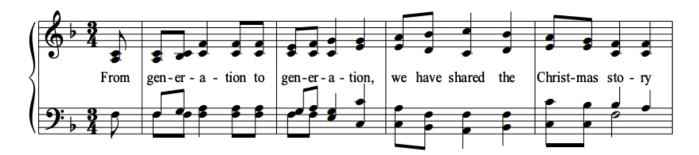
GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Opening Song From Generation to Generation, vs 1









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Advent Candle Lighting

*Hymn #94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Responsive)
God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."
But we say, "Our lives are too messy."
You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."
But we say, "It's too risky to hope."
You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."
But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."
God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.
Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.
Help us remember, today and tomorrow,
There's room for every story. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #82 Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

***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 2:1-5

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon "There's room for every story"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

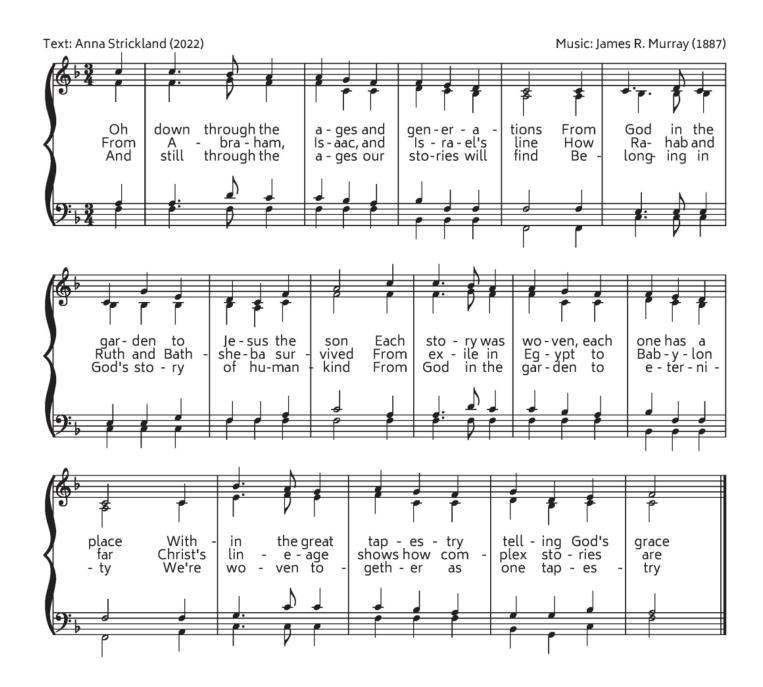
Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth. who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now. saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." 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 Through the Ages



*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill Advent Wreath: Jeff Lapinski, Alex Mikeladze, Justice Oduro, Maddy Trimby Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze Video Producer: Susan Smalley Worship Credits: Prayers by Rev. Sarah Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctified art.org; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

<u>Usher</u>

Head usher: Bev Bonning; Jeff Lapinski

<u>Greeter</u>

Maddy Trimby

Counters

Barb Stowitts and Jesse Turner

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Church Leadership and Staff

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This Week at Eastminster:

Nov. 27 through Dec. 4		
SUNDAY, 11/27 - 1st Sunday of Advent		
Worship	10:00 a.m.	
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.	
Intergenerational Art Project	11:15 a.m.	
MONDAY, 11/28		
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.	
TUESDAY, 11/29		
UKirk Board	6:30 p.m.	
Bell Choir	7:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, 11/30		
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.	
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	

THURSDAY, 12/1		
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.	
FRIDAY, 12/2		
Handbell Choir Concert	7:00 p.m.	
SUNDAY, 12/4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent		
Worship	10:00 a.m.	
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.	
Intergenerational Art Project	11:15 a.m.	

"From Generation to Generation" is our theme for Advent and Christmas this year. 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.

Advent Devotionals are available in the narthex. We will also gather each Sunday after worship in the Green Room for an intergenerational art project that connects with our theme.

ADVENTures

School children who will be on break (K-6th grade) are invited to participate in a special December series called "School Break ADVENTures" at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. ADVENTures will be held Dec 19-21, from 9am-3pm at the church. We will explore the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, and prepare to celebrate God coming into the world at Christmas! Daily activities will include stories, songs, arts and crafts, yoga, quiet reflection time with interactive stations, games, and more. Children are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Space is limited to 20 kids. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Volunteers Needed for ADVENTures

Volunteers are needed to help with a special December series for kids (K-6th grade) called "School Break ADVENTures" at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Please contact Neil Myer if you would be willing to help out for any part of this series.

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.

Advent House/Soup

The next time we provide lunch for Advent House is Dec. 10. Please sign up if you are able to bring something or help put the lunches together. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or you can call the church office. This month's soup is Santa Fe Soup. Because it is a larger recipe, we need only 5 people to bring soup this month.

Please bring your soup (or other items) to the church in a labeled pot or container by 4pm Thursday, December 8, or on Saturday morning December 10 by 8:30am

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: \$258,404

Last year's pledges: \$267,936



The Capital City Ringers (CCR), under the direction of Mark Loring, will be having a concert here at Eastminster. CCR's 39th annual holiday concert is entitled *bRinging Back Christmas* and features arrangements of familiar carols and holiday favorites. In addition to more than 150 Malmark handbells and handchimes, CCR's family-oriented concert includes a variety of percussion instruments, bass guitar, and keyboard. Come and experience the music of CCR! Donations will be gladly accepted. Visit *www.capitalcityringers.com* for more details.