



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
January 8, 2023**



# 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.

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

January 8, 2023

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**

Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...

Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear  
into this space.

*God is here.*

**\*Hymn #110** Love Has Come

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*God of starlight,*

*we know that faith isn't a vending machine.*

*Good news can't be bought or manufactured.*

*It does not arrive with a push of a button.*

*Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.*

*We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.*

*We have to believe that love really can change the world.*

*We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.*

*Forgive us for forgetting that.*

*Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.*

*We long to be more like the Magi;*

*may we walk your way every single day.*

*Amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #113** Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)

Refrain

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*\*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** Matthew 2:1-23

**Sermon** “We keep seeking”

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection**

### **Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The 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.*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats.*

**\*Hymn #150** As with Gladness Men of Old

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

## **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Tom Hardenbergh

Guest Musician: Peyton Miller

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Communion Servers: Robin Bell, Ron Davis, Sue Kalvonjian, Cindy Nixon

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## **Usher**

Head usher: Barb Stowitts

## **Greeter**

## **Flowers**

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

## **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:**

*Jan. 8 through Jan. 15*

### **SUNDAY, 1/8 — Epiphany**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Art Project 11:15 a.m.

Deacons 12:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 1/9**

Take down Christmas decorations	9:30 a.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, 1/10</b>	
Session	7:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, 1/11</b>	Books close
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
<b>THURSDAY, 1/12</b>	
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, 1/14</b>	
Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 1/15</b>	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

### **Epiphany Star Words and Craft Sunday, January 8th**

While Epiphany is technically on January 6th, we will be celebrating it today. We will be handing out new Star Words in worship.

After worship we are having our last Intergenerational Craft. We will make Watercolor Stars of Bethlehem.

### **Volunteers Needed for After-Worship Fellowship**

We need one or two people willing to set up and take down Fellowship on January 22 and January 29. Instructions, supplies, cookies, refreshments are already in the kitchen. Or, you can be creative and bring your own goodies for everyone to enjoy! Please contact Beverly Bonning if you are able to assist. Thank you!



## **Page Turners**

PageTurners is holding its first meeting of the year at 10 a.m. Jan. 14. They'll be choosing books and setting up the 2023 schedule at that meeting. They'll also be discussing "The Stationery Shop" by Marjan Kamali led by Mary Harvey.

## **Advent House Meals**

It's a new year and it's time for new Advent House sign-ups.

We need 60 sandwiches and servings of soup. Please sign up for Jan. 14. We need people to come in that morning and assemble the lunches and we also need people to sign up for the following:

- 60 cheese slices
- 60 hot sandwich breads (e.g. hoagies, hamburger buns)
- 10 soup recipes
- Fresh fruit for 60 lunches (e.g. apples, bananas, oranges)

## **Refugee Development Center Welcome Kits**

Eastminster has committed to making welcome kits for the Refugee Development Center to distribute during 2023. Every new arrival in Lansing gets one of these kits. We will be collecting items on an ongoing basis. We have printed off cards with items needed. Some of the items that go in the kit are bars of soap, dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, sugar, etc. If you are willing to help with the kit, pick up a card and return the items purchased by placing them in the Green Room. You can also contact Kristin ([revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org)) and she can let you know what the most needed items are at the moment.

Let's help welcome refugees to our community this year!

## **Taking Down Christmas Decorations**

Tomorrow (Monday) at 9:30am we will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church. If you are able to come and help, we would appreciate it. Thank you!



**Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster.**

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