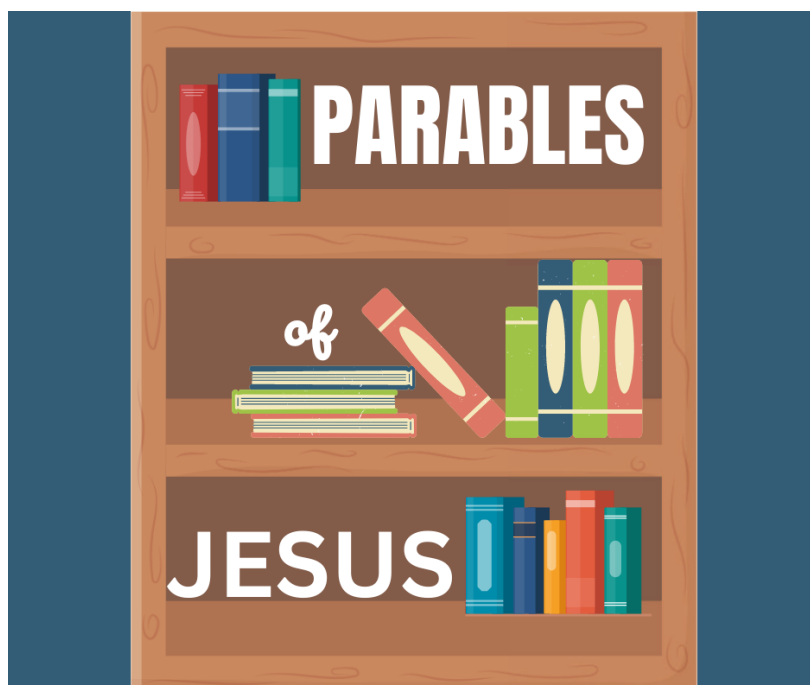




# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
February 5, 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

February 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

### Opening Song #743

### Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise  
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise  
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will  
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead  
me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

G D C D  
G Dsus7 D7 G D C D  
G Em Dsus D  
C Am7 G  
D C Dsus7 D7 G

### **\*Call to Worship**

L. Come and worship, proclaim God's ways  
of faithfulness and steadfast love.

*P. We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.*

L. Come and worship, for we are God's people,  
rejoicing in God's graciousness.

*P. God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.*

L. Come to the One who tells stories;  
worship our God who keeps promises.

*P. We rejoice with God who is with us always.*

### **\*Hymn #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

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

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

*God of mystery, God of life,  
we confess our need for answers and formulas  
when you call us to faith.*

*We trust in our abilities and standards;  
we separate and categorize,  
we label the worthiness of others.*

*We fail to trust in your power, hidden in all things.  
We fail to watch for you and your kingdom, present here on earth.  
Transform our tired imaginations and open our eyes  
so that we might delight in your love, a love we cannot control.*

### **\*Silent Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #447 We Are Forgiven**

G Am D7 Gsus G C  
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**\*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 Readings** Matthew 13:44-53

**Sermon** Fields, Pearls, and Fish

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Communion & Lord's Prayer**

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.*

Prayer after Communion

**\*Hymn #714** God of the Fertile Fields

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Lacy Myer

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Worship Credits: The Call to Worship is by Thom Shuman; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

**Usher**

Head Usher: Barbara Stowitts; Cindy Nixon

**Greeter**

Barbara Lowes

## 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

## This Week at Eastminster:

*Feb. 5 through Feb. 12*

### **SUNDAY, 2/5**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Education	11:15 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 2/6**

Quintet Practice	1:00 p.m.
UKirk Meal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 2/8**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

### **THURSDAY, 2/9**

Infrastructure Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, 2/11**

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:30 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, 2/5**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.
Saxophone Quartet Concert	3:00 p.m.

*Bridgette will be out of the office on Feb. 8-9.*

## **Advent House Meal**

The next Advent House meal we are providing is on Saturday, February 11th. The soup of the month will be Chicken Andouille Sausage Gumbo, in honor of Mardi Gras. Recipes are in the Narthex and Heather Myer will help you out if you have questions about the recipe! If you are willing to make soup, sign up at the church or email [office@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:office@eastminsterchurch.org).

## **Saxophone Quartet Concert**

Sound Session, a saxophone quartet, will be performing “Coming Home” at Eastminster as part of our concert series. The concert begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 and is described as “A sonic description of the joy and connection felt upon return.” The quartet features Matt Fox, soprano saxophone; Jacob Nance, alto saxophone; Jeffrey Allardyce, tenor saxophone; and Tyler Young, baritone saxophone.

## **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 the end of the month 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!

**Mardi Gras Lunch:** On Sunday, February 19th after worship we will be having a Mardi Gras lunch in the fellowship hall! Join us for good food and lots of fun!





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online to Eastminster.**

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