



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
November 19, 2023

**HELP  
THANKS  
WOW**

*Three simple yet powerful prayers*

# 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 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.



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.

*\* 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 19, 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**

L. God stretches out the heavens  
and shapes the earth.

***P. Come and give thanks!***

L. God raises up the mountains  
and pours water into the seas.

***P. Come and give thanks!***

L. God calls forth plants from the soil  
and forms animals in infinite variety.

***P. Come and give thanks!***

L. God breathes upon us  
and fills us with life.

***P. Come lift your voices in praise!***

L. God gives our lives meaning  
through laughter and tears.

***P. Come lift your voices in praise!***

L. God loves us and surrounds us  
with love in abundance!

***P. Come and give thanks!  
Come and worship God!***

**\*Hymn #336 We Gather Together**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

***As children we are taught to say, "thank you," And yet, Holy One, we forget to thank you for all your good gifts. We take for granted the gift of life, the beauty that surrounds us. Forgive us for our ingratitude and inattention. Teach us to be people of gratitude and contentment. Today we pray a simple prayer, for what we have received, Lord, make us truly thankful. Amen.***

**\*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 Reading**     Psalm 138

**Sermon**     The Three Essentials Prayer: Thanks

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Sung Response #472**     Kum ba Yah

**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 #643**     Now Thank We All Our God

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Charlotte Smith

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Ruth Hartwig

**Greeter**

Mary Lou Clifton

**Video Producer**

Heather Myer

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by the Hardenberghs in memory of Marmie Cummins.

**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:**

*November 19 through November 26, 2023*

**SUNDAY, 11/19**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Faith Formation

11:15 a.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, 11/20**

Staff Meeting

10:30 a.m.

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

AA District Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 11/21**

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.

UKirk Board Meeting

6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation Meeting

7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 11/22 Office Closed**

**THURSDAY, 11/23 Happy Thanksgiving**

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**Intergenerational Faith Formation:** Today after worship join us for an intergenerational prayer activity. We will be learning how to do zentangles, a meditative art practice that helps quiet our mind and body and draw us into prayer. Join us!

**Upcoming Concerts:** There are plenty of opportunities to hear music this coming December at Eastminster. Upcoming concerts include:

- Asbury Brass Quartet/Saxophone Quintet, Sunday Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
- Lansing Matinee Musicale, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.
- Capitol City Bell Ringers, Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Welcome Kits:** We still have a few more cards that need to be picked up with items to get for the monthly welcome kits we put together for the Refugee Development Center. Thank you for your help with this ongoing project!