



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 26, 2023

The background of this section is a light gray, crumpled paper texture. It is decorated with green eucalyptus leaves and stems in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

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. 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 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

*Call to Worship

L. Come and see the works of God,

P. God's awesome deeds among us.

L. Come and hear, all who revere God,

P. God's still speaking voice in our weary world.

L. Come and touch the sacred, extraordinary in the ordinary,

P. God's presence all around us.

*Hymn #54 Make a Joyful Noise to God

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that too often we look around and only see the hard. We don't take the time to revel in your creation. We are too busy for wonder. We know too much to be in awe. Forgive us for not praying "wow" when gorgeous, amazing things come into our lives: music, children, ponds, fresh bread. Astonishing things happen all the time if we are paying attention. Help us pay attention.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
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 66

Sermon The Three Essentials Prayer: Wow

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Sung Response #472 Kum ba Yah

*1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*2 Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*3 Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*4 Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, 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 #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Shannon Walsh Vermaas

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Ushers

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Video Producer

Heather Myer, Susan Smalley

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by the Hunts in memory of David S. Hunt.

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 26 through December 3, 2023

SUNDAY, 11/26

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, 11/27

Staff Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Quintet rehearsal

1:00 p.m.

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 11/28	
Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 11/29	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Sax quartet rehearsal	11:00 a.m.
THURSDAY, 11/30	
UKirk Dinner	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 12/3	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
All Church Lunch	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.
Brass Quintet Concert	7:00 p.m.

Intergenerational Faith Formation: Today after worship join us for an intergenerational prayer activity.

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!