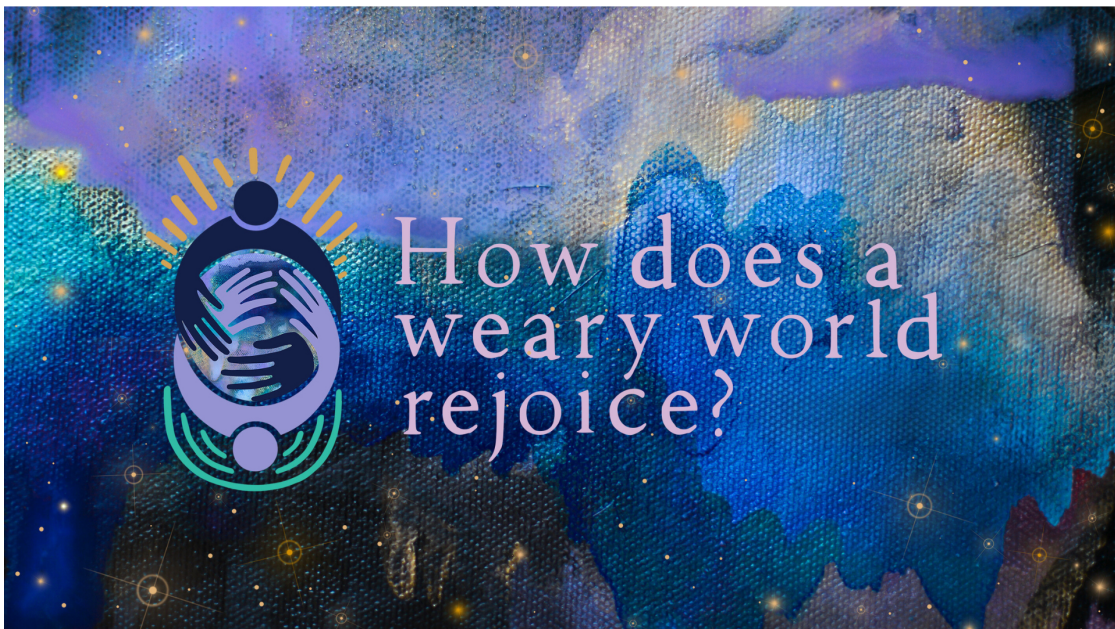




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
December 24, 2023**



WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

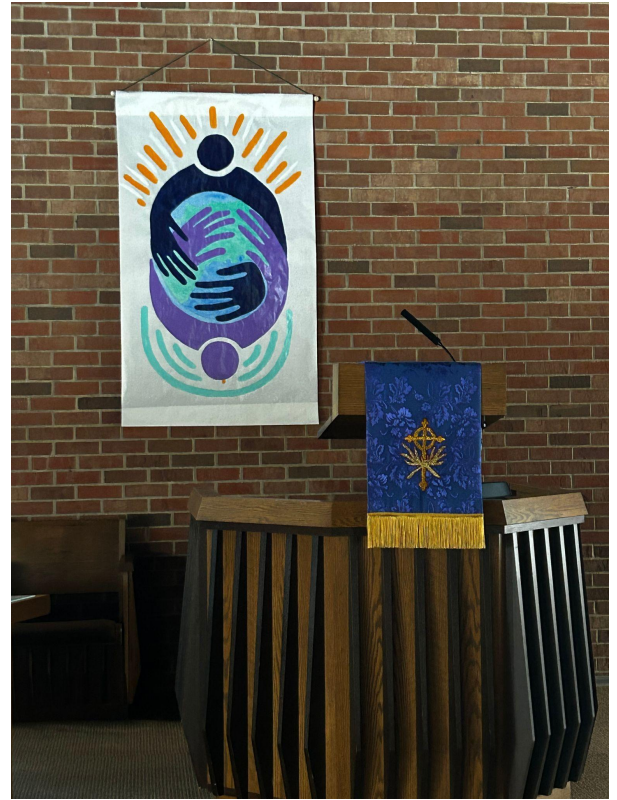
Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

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

Christmas Eve

December 24, 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. How does a weary world rejoice?

P. We connect with one another.

We laugh and we cry together.

We sing songs of hope.

We tell stories.

We play.

We make room for all.

L. Friends, let us hear again the good news of Christ being born.
Let us worship God.

***Hymn #104** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

THE ABCs OF CHRISTMAS

Letters A - E

Carol #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Letters F - G

Carol #113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Letters H - J

Carol #132 Good Christians Friends, Rejoice

Letters K - M

Carol #115 Away in a Manger

Letters N - O

Offering of Prayers

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.

Letter P

***Passing of the Peace** *(Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you)*

Letters Q - W

***Carol #136** Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Letters X - Z

*Sharing of the Light

(Please keep lighted candles vertical and tip unlighted candles toward the flame to light them.)

***Carol #122 Silent Night, Holy Night!**

- 1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*
- 2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”*
- 3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*
- 4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light, with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our king: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today’s service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

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Heather Myer and Mike Brown

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:

December 24 through December 31, 2023

SUNDAY, 12/24

ABCs of Christmas Service	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Traditional Christmas Eve Service	5:00 p.m.
Fellowship	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

Office Closed

TUESDAY, 12/26

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, 12/27

Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, 12/28

Office Closed

SUNDAY, 12/31

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Join us tonight at 5 for a traditional Christmas Eve service with lessons and carols, communion and candlelight.

Advent House

Advent House has requested that during the winter months we return to providing soups and salads for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. We need people to bring soup, items for sandwiches, and to help assemble the sandwiches on Saturday, January 13th.

Congregational Meeting—January 7

We will be holding a congregational meeting on Jan. 7 after worship for the purpose of electing an elder to fill an open position. Our annual congregational meeting in which we receive financial reports and vote on the pastor's terms of call will be on Jan. 28.

Housewarming Celebration for Tamar and Alex Mikeladze

Please join us on **Sunday, January 14** during Fellowship Hour as the Deacons host a housewarming celebration of Tamar and Alex Mikeladze's recent and long-awaited move to their new home. As a way to show our appreciation to both of them, we are collecting monetary donations ahead of the celebration to present them with a gift card from the congregation. Please consider donating any amount within your budget by writing a check to Beverly Bonning (memo line: Tamar's housewarming) or placing cash in an envelope with your name, the purpose, and depositing it in the black lock box outside of Bridgette's office. All donations are welcome.

Interfaith Security Donations

Many of you may have heard that Congregation Shaarey Zedek was the victim of a bomb threat last weekend. We are still taking donations to help defray security costs for our Jewish and Muslim neighbors at Shaarey Zedek, Kehillat Israel and the Islamic Center of Greater Lansing. All donations will be split equally between the congregations. Donations can be given as a check to the church or online. Please designate that the gift is for "Interfaith Security Funds."



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

This year, coming together to reclaim Advent and Christmas can be humbling and fulfilling. With Christ at the center this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we are able to support those in our community and give them the gift of hope. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions provide critical financial assistance to eligible church workers and retired pastors and their families in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.



Poinsettia Dedications

Given By	In Memory Of
Bruce Augenstein	Sue Augenstein
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
Dan and Judy Dickinson	May and Emory Bates Maxine and Bill Dickinson
Ted Hagan	Pat Hagan Dr. Ray Hagan Our parents
Linda and Tom Hardenbergh	Our parents
Suzanne and Chase Hunt	David Hunt Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O. Mahn, Sue's parents Mr. and Mrs. George G. Hunt, Chase's parents
George and Sue Miller	Our parents
Jeff and Sam O'Neill	Our parents Rev. Robert and Carol O'Neill Tom and Jan McGowan
Brenda Ramsby	My parents, Bill and Joyce Travis

