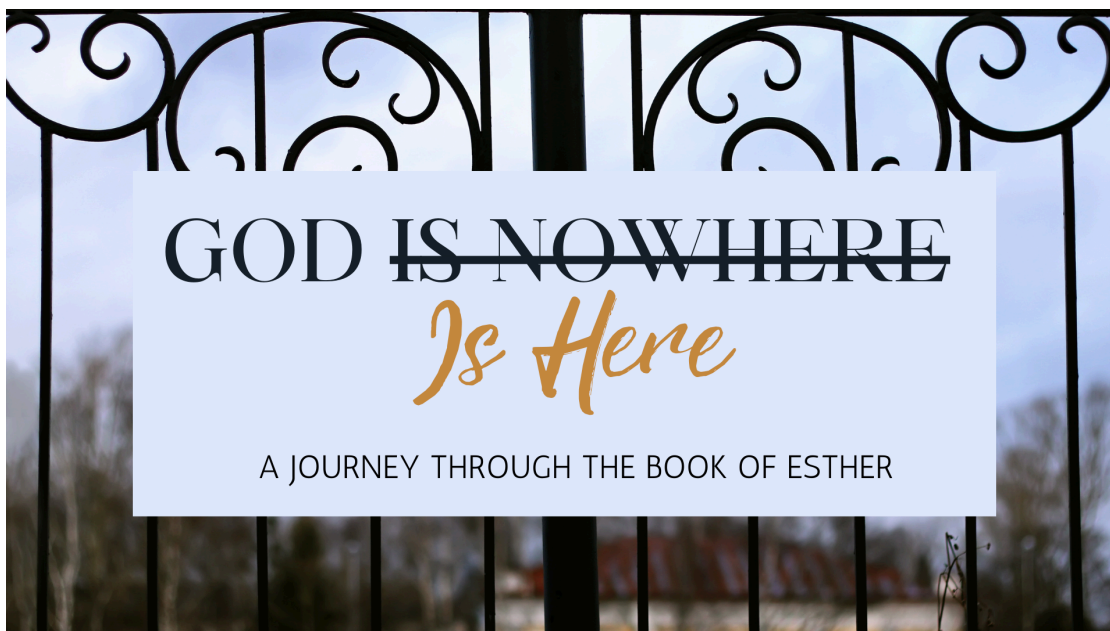




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 14, 2024



WELCOME!

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

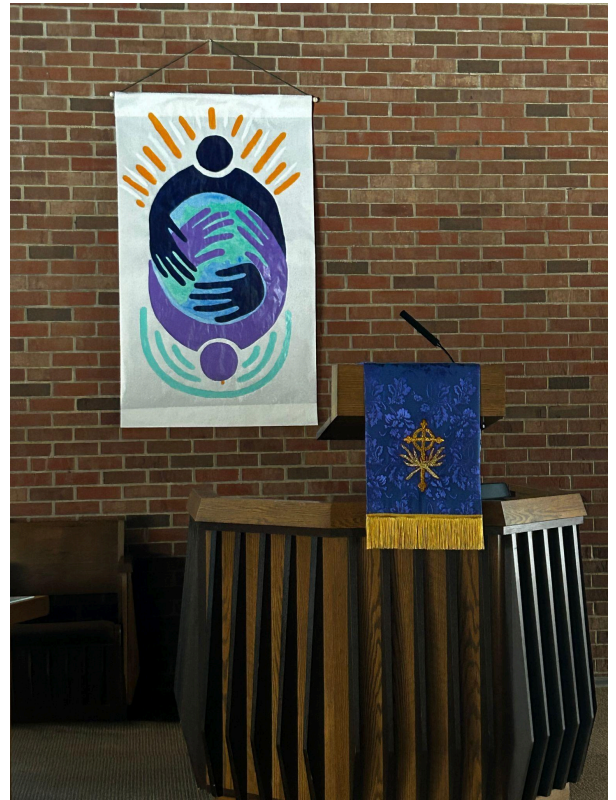
Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

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

January 14, 2024

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

One: God of all life and of each life, we bring our lives before you.

All: *You are before us, God you are behind;
You are around us, God, you are within.*

One: God of life, you know the hidden thoughts of every heart.

All: *We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt.
We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.*

One: God of life, you are in the light and in the darkness.

All: *We bring the wisdom that is in us, and the ignorance.
We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.*

One: God of life, be with us and move through us as we worship you.

*Hymn #409 God is Here!

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

*Creator God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We hear the story of faithfulness to you alone, yet we place our hope in
nations and power. We hear the story of reversals, yet we quietly wish you
would keep the status quo when it benefits us. In your mercy, forgive what*

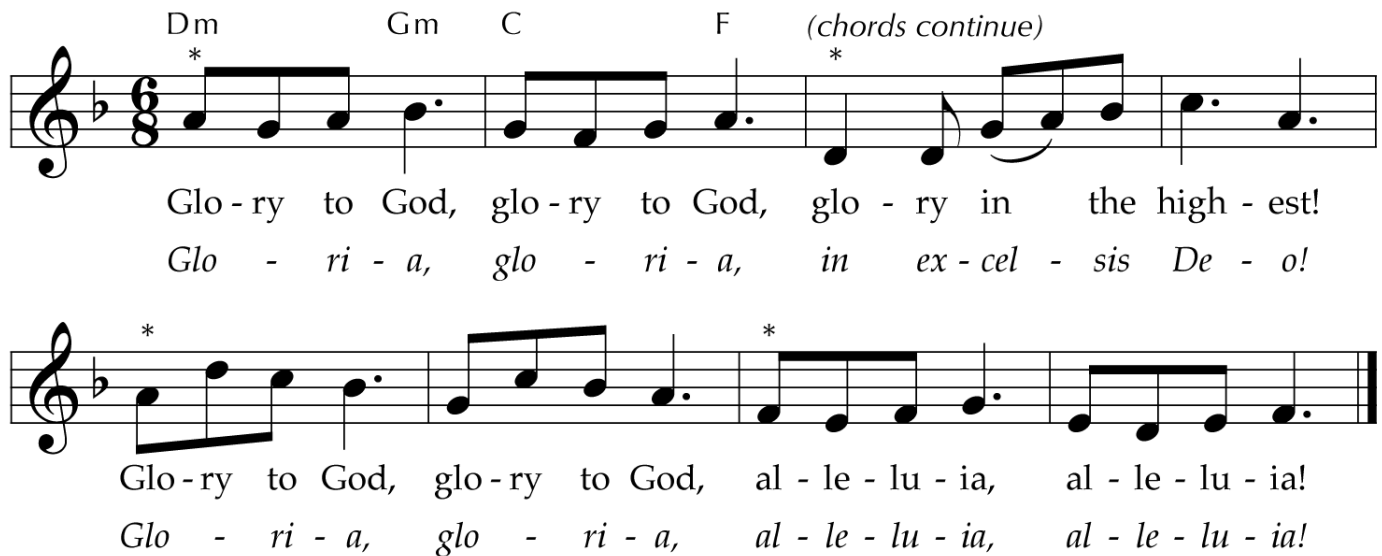
we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Hear now our silent prayers.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #583** Glory to God

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***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 Esther 1

Old Testament, p. 422

Sermon The woman who had the courage to say no

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

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 #307** God of Grace and God of Glory

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Mary Harvey

Children's Sermon: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Heather Myer

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Neil Myer

Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman
Tamar Mikeladze

Office Administrator
Organist

This Week at Eastminster:

January 14 through January 21, 2024

SUNDAY, 1/14

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 1/15

CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
AA Regional Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Trivia	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/16 OFFICE CLOSED/RECORDS DAY

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/17

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Community Connections Meeting	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/18

UKirk Dinner and Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 1/21

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

Congregational Meeting—January 28

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 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.

Interested in joining the church?

Have you been wondering about what it means to be a member of Eastminster? Are you interested in joining the church? We are going to be receiving new members in the new year and would invite you to consider joining. If you are curious or want to know more please contact Pastor Kristin.



Help Eastminster become a 10 for 10 Church!

UKirk at MSU has sent out a challenge to area churches asking them to find 10 people who will donate \$10 every month to support the campus ministries at Michigan State University. One easy way to do so is to set up a recurring donation on our website.