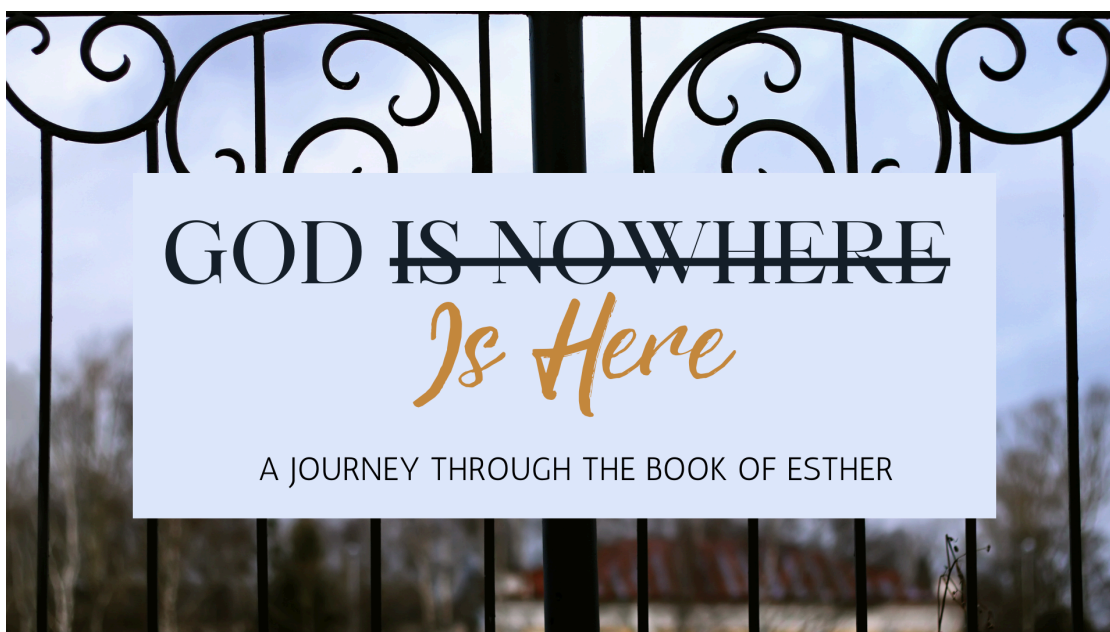




# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**January 21, 2024**



# WELCOME!

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

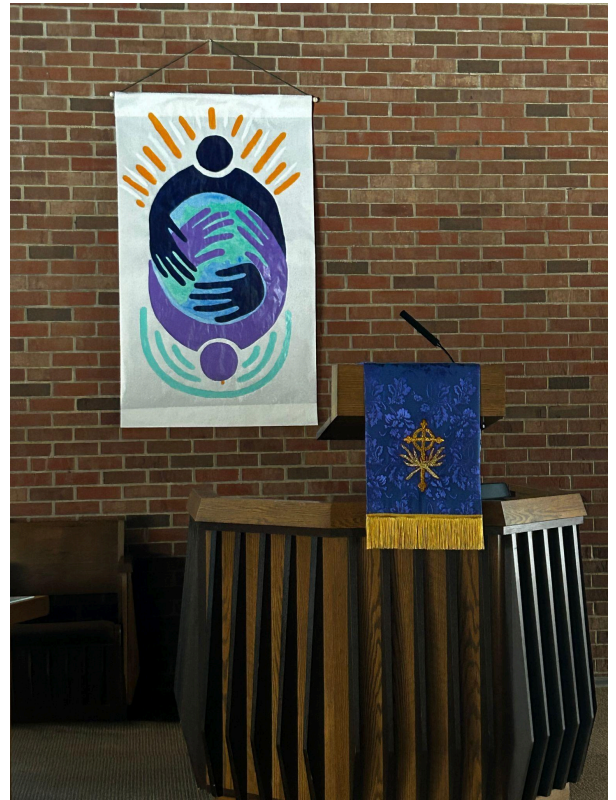
Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: [eastminsterchurch.org](http://eastminsterchurch.org). At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

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

January 21, 2024

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

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

*All: That we do justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God.*

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

*All: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.*

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

### \*Hymn #308 O God in Whom All Life Begins

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

*O God, we are ambivalent in our commitment to your kin-dom. We continue to be defined by what we have, rather than what we give. We long to put our lives in your hands, but are afraid to give up control. Have mercy on us. Grant us the courage of Esther; may we speak the truth in love and boldly follow your call. Commit us to a joy that comes from opening our ears to listen and our hands and hearts to serve. Hear now our silent confession.*

**\*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 4 Old Testament, p. 425

**Sermon** The woman who had the courage to say yes

## **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 #726** Will You Come and Follow Me

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Mike Brown

Children's Sermon: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Tom Hardenbergh

**Greeter**

Mary Lou Clifton

**Video Producer**

Robin Bell and Linda Hardenbergh

**Flowers**

Flowers today 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:**

*January 21 through January 28, 2024*

### **SUNDAY, 1/21**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Presentation by Dr. Eleanor Kue	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 1/22**

CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia	7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 1/23**

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
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### **WEDNESDAY, 1/24**

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

### **THURSDAY, 1/25**

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

### **SUNDAY, 1/28**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

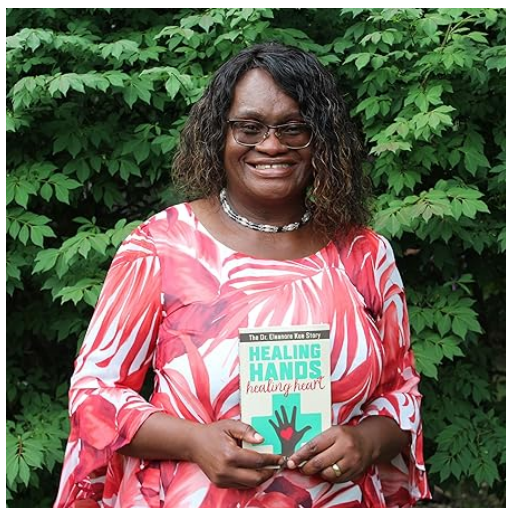
## **Congregational Meeting—January 28**

Our annual congregational meeting in which we receive financial reports and vote on the pastor's terms of call will be on Jan. 28.

## **Chancel Flowers**

You can sign-up to dedicate Chancel Flowers on the board outside the church office or on our website. Thank you!

## **Dr. Eleanor Kue**



Join us after worship today for a talk with Dr. Eleanore Kue.

Dr. Eleanore Kue was born in Cameroon. She studied medicine in France and moved to the USA in the 90s. She resides in Lansing where she works as a bi-vocational pastor and physician. It was in 2007, that Dr. Eleanore came back to the USA with a desire to open a clinic for the underinsured. His Healing Hands Clinic was opened November 2009. Shortly after, Dr. Eleanore planted His Healing Hands church at the clinic to meet the spiritual needs of her patients.

### **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.

### **Book Discussion**

Rev. Dr. Jeff O'Neill is going to be leading a book discussion on "The Kingdom, The Power, And the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism" by Tim Alberta. If you are interested, we encourage you to purchase the book and let Jeff or the church office know. More information will be coming.

