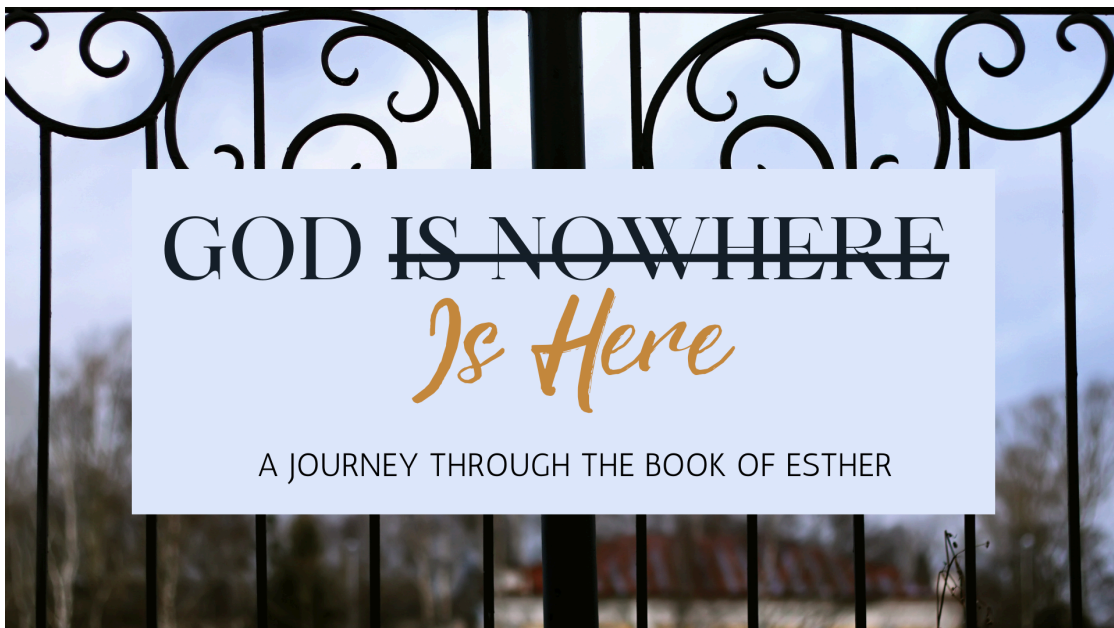




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 28, 2024



WELCOME!

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

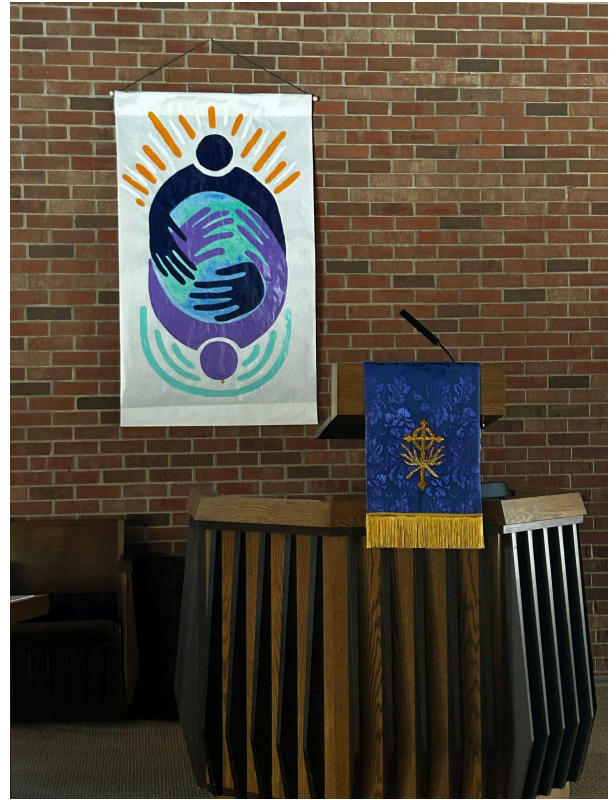
Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

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 28, 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: We gather -

All: We gather together around a mystery.

One: We listen -

All: We listen to your Word.

We listen for your still, small voice.

One: We open -

All: We open our souls to the Creator of all.

One: Then let us worship God.

***Hymn #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Today, O God, we hear the story of Esther found in scripture and wonder what has changed. In Esther's story there was abuse of power and exploitation of women. We learn about the planned destruction of foreigners in the land and those with power exploiting the powerless. Forgive us, God, for thinking this is only a story about then instead of a story about now. Forgive us when our actions or lack of action have contributed to continuing powerlessness in people's lives. Strengthen us

all to witness to our faith with a love that confirms our trust in Christ, in whose name we pray.

***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 8

Old Testament, pp. 427-428

Sermon

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 #756** O God of Every Nation

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Judy Dickinson

Children's Sermon: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Worship Credits: The call to worship is adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel, from holdfasttowhatisgood.com/ Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Sue Kalvonjian

Video Producer

Susan Smalley

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

This Week at Eastminster:*January 28 through February 4, 2024***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.

MONDAY, 1/29

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

TUESDAY, 1/30

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 1/31

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Supper	6:00 p.m.
Gathering with Rabbi Amy Bigman	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/1

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

SUNDAY, 2/4

Worship	10:00 a.m.
All Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

Congregational Meeting today

Our annual congregational meeting in which we receive financial reports and vote on the pastor's terms of call will take place immediately following today's service.

Chancel Flowers

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

Come meet Rabbi Amy Bigman of Shaarey Zedek

Rabbi Amy Bigman of Congregation Shaarey Zedek will be visiting Eastminster on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. This month we have been journeying through the book of Esther in worship. Rabbi Bigman will be teaching us about the book of Esther in the Jewish tradition. We will be having a light meal together at 6 p.m. There will be a zoom option.

All Church Lunch - February 4th

We are having an all church lunch on Sunday, February 4th after worship. If you are willing, sign up in the narthex to bring a casserole or salad to share at this lunch. Thank you!

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.



Souper Bowl Sunday–Feb. 11

This year, we will be collecting monetary donations for the MSU Student Food Bank and donations of boxes and bags of cereal for Advent House on Super Bowl Sunday.