



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**May 4, 2025**



# WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshipping 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.



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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it

confidential.

There are offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

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

May 4, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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## A Thought on Entering

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won.  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

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

### \*Call to Worship (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

**“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing is come  
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.”  
Let us sing our praise to God.**

### \*Hymn #234 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Our God, we bring before you this day all that is on the heart and conscience which must be confessed. We have left the paths of righteousness; we have not answered the high calling of the Lord to love others as we might. In the rush of life, we have not rested in the love of Jesus and borne the fruit of that love. We have not welcomed Christ's Spirit at the beginning of each new day. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us thoroughly, we pray. In Christ's strong name we pray. Amen**

### \*Silent Confession

## **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

Hymn #649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

### **\*Words of Forgiveness**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

*(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)*

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Children's Sermon**

### **Prayer for Illumination (seated)**

### **Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Hymn #451

Open my eyes that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Scripture Reading** Acts 11:1-18

New Testament, p. 122

**Sermon** Cleansed by Grace

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection**

### **Communion**

### **Invitation to the Table**

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: **People will come from east and west,  
and from north and south,  
and sit at table in the kingdom of God**

## Great Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward may be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten free.*

## A Litany of Thanksgiving

One: Our heavenly Father, for this supper through which we are made one with the Lord and with each other,

All: **we give you thanks**

One: For new life and new hope and new creation

All: **we give you thanks.**

One: For the Love which surrounds us at birth and sustains us through life and carries us to life beyond death,

All: **we give you thanks and ask your abiding Presence with us now and forevermore**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

## The 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 #238** Thine Is the Glory

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Participants in today's service:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Shirley Paxton

Worship Leader: Linda Hardenbergh

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

Communion Servers: Barb Dalzell, Sue Kalvonjian, Linda Hardenbergh,  
Robin Bell

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Our pastor, Rev. Kristin Stroble is on sabbatical until July 28, 2025. While on sabbatical, the pastor takes a full and complete break from their pastoral role. Therefore, there is to be no contact with Kristin during this time. If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office and Bridgette will help you get connected. The session and staff are available with any questions or concerns.

Today we welcome to the pulpit, Rev. Shirley Paxton.

### **Usher**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

### **Greeter**

Barb Dalzell

### **Video Producer**

Mike Brown

### **Flowers**

Today's flowers 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

Pianist

**This Week at Eastminster:** *May 4 to May 11*

### **SUNDAY, 5/4**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Renaissance Singers

3:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 5/5**

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 5/6**

Infrastructure 10:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 5/7**

Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert 11:00 a.m.

**THURSDAY, 5/8**

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, 5/10**

Advent House 8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, 5/11**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Women's Day Tea Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

**Advent House**

The sign-up sheet, recipe and pans are in the Narthex for the next Advent House meal, which will be Saturday, May 10.

**Concerts**

Today at 3 p.m., the Renaissance Singers will be performing.

On Wednesday, May 7, the Lansing Matinee Musicale will be holding their annual conference and lunch at Eastminster starting at 10 a.m.

**Women's Day Tea**

After worship on Sunday, May 11, we will be holding a tea with a variety of brewed teas, tea sandwiches and special desserts. All are welcome.

**Prayer Sign-Up**

We wish to cover Pastor Kristin in prayer every day of her pilgrimage as she walks the Camino Santiago. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for the days that are still needed.



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