



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2025**



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.



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 plate during the offering. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There is an offering time during the worship service. You can also give online on our website or by 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.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025

5:00 p.m.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Candle Lighting

People of God,

Live in the light of the Lord.

Repeat as prompted by the worship leader.

***Hymn #133** O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of angel choruses,

you hang the stars in the sky,

but we do not see them.

You fill the night with angelic song,

but we do not hear it.

You send shepherds to tell the good news,

but we do not believe them.

You bring love into the world,

but we do not seek it.

*Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract
from the good news you put forth into the world.*

Tune our hearts back to your song.

With hope we pray,

amen.

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #132** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-4 New Testament, p. 54

Carol #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1, 3, 4)

Scripture Reading Luke 2:5-7 New Testament, p. 54

Carol #115 Away in a Manger

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-12 New Testament, pp. 54-55

Carol #113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture Reading Luke 2:13-20 New Testament, p. 55

Sermon Good News is Louder than Fear

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #134** Joy to the World

Offering of Resources and Prayer

Financial offerings support the ministry and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. You can also place prayer requests (cards are in the pew pads) in the offering plate.

***Doxology #143** Angels, From the Realms of Glory (vs 4)

*All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Joy to the World!

The Lord is come!

Sing to the Lord all the people of the earth!

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.

Prayer after Communion

***Candle Lighting** John 1:1-14

New Testament, p. 86

(Please keep the lighted candle vertical and tip the unlighted candle toward the flame to light it.)

***Hymn #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

Worship Leaders: Sam O'Neill, Laura Myer, Amanda Lanier, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

Advent Wreath: The Kent Family

Musicians: Alirna Korieva, Gafur Nartadjiev

Communion Servers: Sam O'Neill, Susan Smalley, Jeff Lapinski, Neil Myer

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Holiday Church Office Hours: The Church Office will close at noon on Dec. 24 and be closed December 25, December 30, December 31, and January 1st. The office will be open on December 29 and resume normal hours on January 5th.

Sunday, December 28th will be an interactive service in the Green Room, led by the Faith Formation committee. Please note that there will be no live-stream this Sunday. Live-streaming will resume Sunday, Jan. 4th.

Poinsettia Dedications



Given By	In Memory Of
Tom and Linda Hardenbergh	Our parents, Clark and Ellen Clayton and Beki Hardenbergh
Suzanne Hunt	Chase S. Hunt David S. Hunt
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Given By	In Honor Of
Judy Karandjeff and Robert Kleine	Our Kleine and Karandjeff Family



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