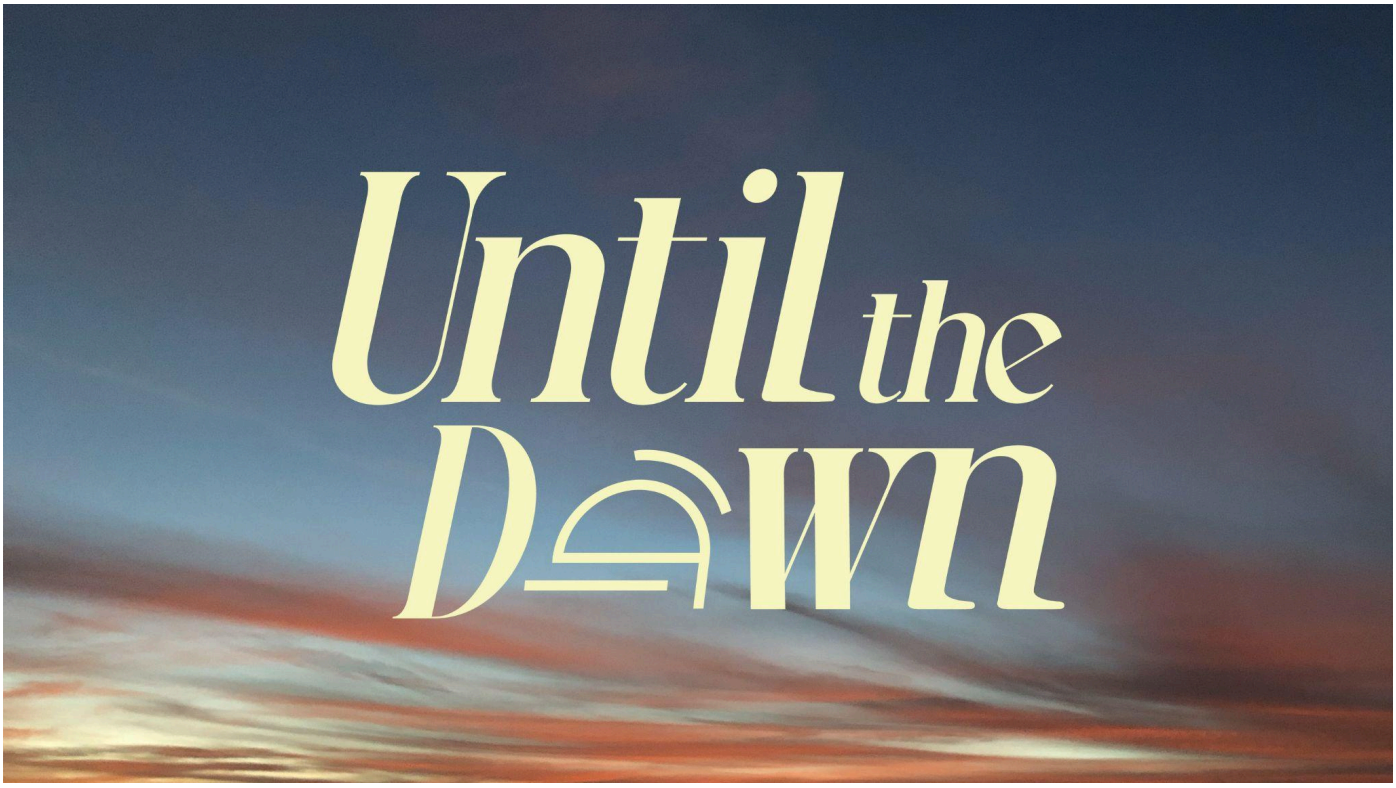
Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 29, 2026



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.

In the pew racks there 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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026 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: In God's house,
ALL: ***we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.***
One: In God's house,
ALL: ***we may come exactly as we are.***
One: In God's house,
ALL: ***all are welcome and all are heard.***
One: So come and worship.
ALL: ***God is here. God is listening.***
One: Let us worship our with us-God.

***Hymn #88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1-3, 6)

Candle Lighting

Sung Response #314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy God,
we have been known —
to bite our tongues,
to work through a broken heart,
to don our favorite rose-colored glasses.
We have been known —
to look for the bright side,
to sweep the pain under the rug,
to choose ignorance for the benefit of bliss.
We have been known to keep the hurt in our heart to ourselves.
Forgive us for filtering our honesty.
Forgive us for ignoring the power of lament.
Forgive us for not turning to you first.
Remind us that you are a God who listens
and you are a God who restores.
With open hearts, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Forgiveness

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Old Testament, pp. 511, 512

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Old Testament, pp. 652-653

Sermon Until the Dawn…Cry Out

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

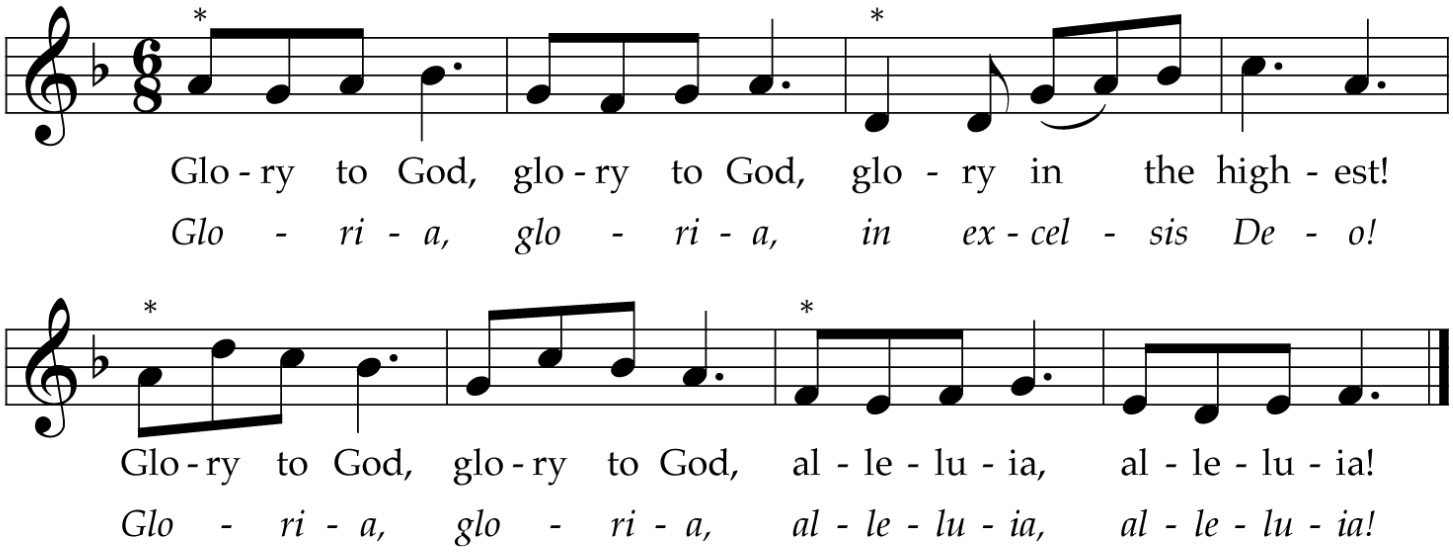
***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe
even on the longest nights—
when our steps are unclear
and fear takes hold—
that the sun is still rising.
We believe in that sunrise
like we believe in God's promised day.
So instead of giving in to the great unknown,
we move, in spirit, toward that light.
We summon our courage.
We carry each other.
We dance under the stars.
We listen for the angels.
And we believe the good news of the gospel,
which says that God loves
God's creation so fiercely
that God took on flesh to
be with us.
This is the truth that sustains our journey.
In this, we believe.

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 racks) in the offering plate.

***Doxology #583**



***Prayer of Dedication**

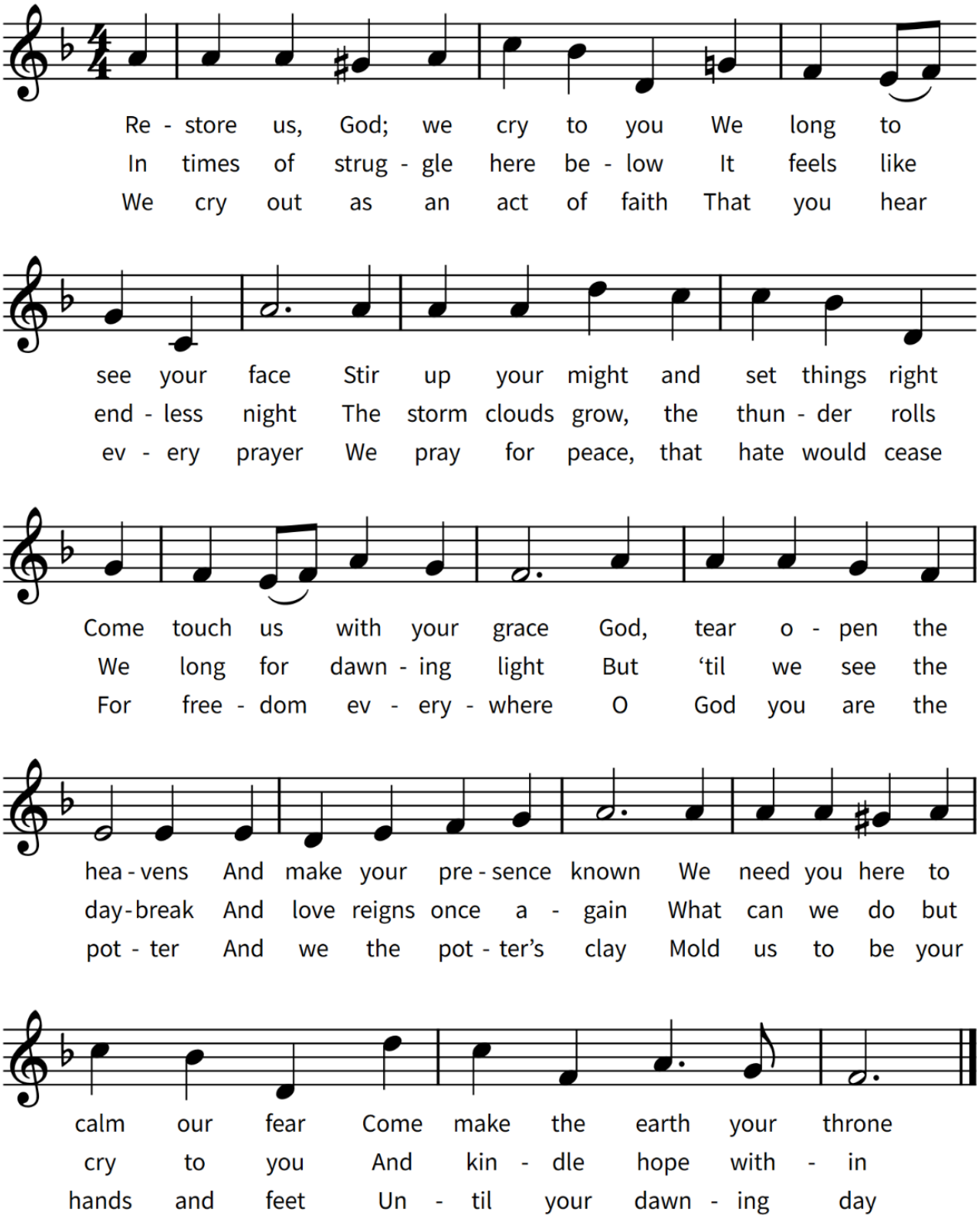
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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** Restore Us, God

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6 D (“O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

Words: Anna Strickland (2026) Music: Lewis H. Redner (1868)



***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:
Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Heather Myer
Advent Candle Lighters: Liz Weeden and Lacy Myer
Children's Message: Neil Myer
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Head Usher: Jen Mendoza
Greeter
Barb Stowitts
Flowers
Flowers today are given to the glory of God.
Fellowship
Jason Giddings
Video Producer
Linda Hardenbergh

Church Leadership and Staff

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Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Christian Education
Bridgette Redman	Business Manager
Tamar Mikeladze, DMA	Pianist
Ivana Chacon	Social Media Intern
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This Week at Eastminster: *November 29-December 6*
SUNDAY, 11/29

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens	11:15 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.
MONDAY, 11/30	
Girl Scout Troop Meeting	4:30 p.m.
CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 12/1	
Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 12/2	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Lansing Performing Arts Connection Concert	11:00 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, 12/3	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 11/4	
String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 12/5	
Capital City Ringers Holiday Concert	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 12/6	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Youth Gathering	11:15 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

Advent Banner Artist Statement

In this season of Advent, we find actions proclaimed in the wisdom of scripture, compelling us to cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose joy. Amidst it all, Christ is born and angels sing. In this banner design the 7 circles each represent one of the weekly sub-themes. The background motif is made up of bands of shadow and light expanding to express the inbreaking love of God.

Today's symbol: Until the Dawn…Cry Out: Teardrop

Advent

The season of Advent begins today! After worship we will be hanging the greens and decorating the church for the season.

Capital City Ringers Concert - December 5 at 7pm

The Capital City Ringers will be presenting their concert - “All the Bells on Earth Shall Ring: A Multicultural Christmas Experience” at Eastminster on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00pm. Admission is free, but a donation is suggested.

Advent House

For the December Advent House meal we are asking volunteers to sign up to bring 2 dozen cookies, coleslaw for 16 people, or to help make the casseroles on December 12th at 8am at the church. Sign up in the narthex or by contacting the church office.

All-Church Lunch

On December 6 we will gather after worship for an all church lunch in the Green Room! We will be having a baked potato bar and all are welcome!

Mark your Calendars!

On December 18-19 there will be a youth lock-in at the church. On December 21st we will be having School Break Adventures for school age children at the church. More information coming soon!

SCAN ME

Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.

You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church