



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN

# Jubilee Contemporary Worship

12.01.24\*11:15 AM

## GATHERING MUSIC

## VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ryan, Erin, James and Margaret Causey

**\*OPENING SONG**—All are invited to sing  
*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Andrews/Sooter/Prichard/C. Wesley

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**—All are invited to sing  
*Here Comes Heaven*

Furtick/Brown/Robertson

(After the song, 3K—5K children may be dismissed to Children's Church)

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Scripture Focus: Luke 21:25-36

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

"the Lord Is Our Righteousness"

## \*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND LORD'S PRAYER

## TIME OF OFFERING

Officer's Prayer: Will Brearley

**SONG OF OFFERING**—All are invited to listen and reflect  
*Advent Hymn*

Christy Nockels

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**—All are invited to sing  
*God With Us*

Ingram/Jordan

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*WE RESPOND TO THE BENEDICTION

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be at your back; may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power, and purpose among us.

(Please see reverse for Announcements)

# Announcements

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

**Thank You to All Who have Submitted 2025 Pledge Commitments:** Pledge cards are available at our Welcome Centers. Fill out a pledge card and drop it: in the offering plate or by the Church Office to Christy Rippy's (EPC's Treasurer) attention. You may also pledge online via our website.

**Giving for "Homeless No More":** Fulfill specific needs at St. Lawrence Place and Family Shelter. Donate gifts from wish lists by tomorrow, December 2, or volunteer to serve a Christmas Lunch on December 14. Visit our website for detailed information.

**Eastminster's Mall to Manger Challenge Begins Today:** You may pick up Mall to Manger cards in our Welcome Centers honoring loved ones. Donations should be marked "M2M" (cash envelope or memo line). Place in the offering on Sunday or drop by the Church Office (Attn: Treasurer). Your donations will allow Eastminster to donate 2,500 Children's Bibles to The Salvation Army. Donations must be received by December 24th.

**Lectio Divina Begins Wednesday, December 4, in the Sanctuary from 6 - 7 pm:** This three-week "divine reading" class is led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Learn how to slow down and listen to the Word of God.

**Advent Lunchtime Bible Study with Pastor Ben:** Meet on two Thursdays, December 5 and 12, from 12:30 to 1:45 pm in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). You may RSVP and sign up for lunch from Regina's Kitchen via our website or bring your own.

**Poinsettia Dedications (\$25.00) for Advent are Due December 9:** The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria donations to decorate Eastminster for Christmas. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center or fill out the online form with the wording you would like to have printed in the bulletins. Checks should be made out to Eastminster with "Poinsettia Memorials and Honoraria" in the memo line.

**Salvation Army Service Day for Eastminster is Friday, December 13:** Volunteer at the warehouse, sorting and assembling gifts. Visit Upcoming Events for shift times and to sign up.

**"Lessons and Carols" is on December 15:** Join us at 9 am or 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," with music from Handel's *Messiah*. Join us for a well-loved Eastminster tradition.

**EPW Holiday Social is December 15, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm, at the Oliver's:** All Eastminster ladies are invited to gather for a time of fellowship. A shuttle from Eastminster's upper Medway lot will be available beginning at 2:15 pm. Please RSVP by December 9 via our website, where you may also make a donation to the Women's Shelter.

**The Living Nativity is December 15 in the Courtyard (5 , 6 & 7 pm):** Children's Choirs of Angels, Wise Men, and Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus will be played by Eastminster members and youth. There will even be live-stock amidst the stable.

**Seniors Ministry Christmas Drop-in is December 19 (12:30 - 1:45 pm) ARH:** Join us for Christmas goodies and fellowship. Catch up with friends and sing your favorite carols.

**"Carols and Keyboards," Dinner and Concert is on December 19:** Join us for dinner in Thompson Hall at 5:45 pm followed by the concert at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Eastminster's talented musicians along with nine pianists playing four pianos will play carols including pieces arranged by both Skip Stradtman and Bryon Black. Please RSVP via our website.

**Advent Devotionals are Available in our Welcome Centers:** If you receive our Daily Devotionals via email, you will see them there as well, culminating on Christmas Day. To receive Daily Devotionals, visit our website's "Resources" tab.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 4)	390
Prior Year Pledge Totals: (Week 4)	374

**Deacons serving in Worship today:**  
Will Brearley and Kathy Winterhalter



CCLI License No. 1892950  
OneLicense #735640-A