



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN

Jubilee Contemporary Worship

12.22.24*11:15 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Matt, Kelty, Karson & Hudson Riddle

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

Andrews/Sooter/Prichard/Charles Wesley

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***SONG OF PRAISE**—All are invited to sing
Light of the World

Bergthold/E. Cash/F. Cash/M. Cash/S. Cash

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Luke 1:26-33

Scripture Focus: Luke 1:34-45

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Brad Smith

"Earwitnesses to the Holy?"

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

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

TIME OF OFFERING

Officer's Prayer: Tiffany Beitz

SONG OF OFFERING—All are invited to listen and reflect
Be Born in Me (Mary)

Herns/Nordeman

***SONG OF RESPONSE**—All are invited to sing
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

G.F. Handel/Isaac Watts/Tomlin/Cash/Gilder

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*WE RESPOND TO THE BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

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/>.

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Thank you to all who make peanut butter donations on fourth Sundays. Harvest Hope bins are located in our reception areas. Your donations help fight hunger in The Midlands.

Welcome Home College Students: Come enjoy a delicious brunch, great company, and some holiday cheer. It's a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends and get into the holiday spirit. Meet in the CLC Gameroom on December 22, at 10:15 am.

Longest Night Peace Service with Communion is today at 4 pm: Join us to remember and celebrate loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year in the comfort of Eastminster's Sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a friend who may benefit.

Year-End Giving: Thank you for your support of Eastminster in 2024 and to those who have pledged for 2025. Year-end contributions can be made via the offering plate by Sunday, December 29, or by mail if postmarked by Tuesday, December 31. If you are bringing your balance by the Church Office, please mark "Attn: Treasurer," and deliver it to the receptionist by Tuesday, December 31, (5 pm). To donate stock, contact Christy Rippey, Treasurer, at crippy@eastminsterpres.org for stock transfer instructions.

Mall to Manger Challenge for 2,500 Children's Bibles (Salvation Army): Pick up Mall to Manger cards in our Welcome Centers. Donations should be marked "M2M." You may place donations in the offering on Sunday or drop by the Church Office (Attn: Treasurer). Our Mall to Manger collection ends with the Christmas Eve offerings.

We will have one service on Christmas Day, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Dress casually and get ready to sing your favorite Christmas Carols.

Serve Lunch at Transitions on Christmas Day or donate a dessert: There will be two opportunities for servers this year- 11:15 am to 12 pm (Transitions) and 11:45 am to 12:30 pm (Rapid Center). We also need pound cakes, *brownies, *cookies and *snack mix. (*Please put these treats in sandwich bags.) Email Alison McGowan to volunteer to participate (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

On December 29, we will have a time of worship and fellowship. Join us for: Intergenerational Brunch at 10 am in Thompson Hall and worship at either 9:00 or 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. (No Sunday School)

Next Steps Class Begins January 5, at 10 am in The Adult Reception Hall (ARH): Are you looking to deepen your spiritual walk and connect with other members? Join us for Next Steps, Eastminster's new four-week class designed to help you grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and discover your purpose within our church family.

WE@EPC Bible 201 Starts January 8: This is a pastor-led study of the Gospel of Luke. We'll explore the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and how his message continues to inspire us today. Join us for WE@EPC meals at 5:15 pm in Thompson Hall.

Sundays@5 Vanishing Grace Class Starts January 12: Led by Dr. Douglass Key, we'll delve into a study of Philip Yancey's book, "Vanishing Grace." Learn about the power of grace and its impact on our lives and the world around us.

Christmas Worship Services



CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 PM: CHILDREN'S SERVICE
(CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR INFANTS – 2K)
- 7:00 PM: FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
(CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR INFANTS—5K)
- 9:00 PM: CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 AM (NO CHILDCARE)

Pledge Status Report as of December 16, 2024

Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet done so, please give us an estimate of your giving to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2025.

- 240 Pledges Increased
- 98 Pledges With No Change
- 24 Pledges Decreased
- 60 New Pledges

For a total of 422 pledges totaling \$4,020,230

66 pledges were made for 2024, but not yet for 2025

Deacons serving in Worship today:
George Hutton and Zack Hudson



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Those we remember...

In honor of Liz Agee, proof that angels walk among us - Sam
In Appreciation for all Lib Foster and Laura Long do for Eastminster - Becky Airheart
In Loving Memory of Dr. Jay Pearson - Garland and Schipp Ames
Given with appreciation and love to Jackie Stallings, Martha Studstill and Nancy Schultz for guiding our small group
In Thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Clarke, Foster, Evelyn, Yates, Ivy and Wren Anderson - Joe and Carol Anderson
In loving memory of Furman and Evelyn Gerrard - Joe and Carol Anderson
In loving memory of Joe and Clarissa Anderson - Joe and Carol Anderson
In memory of Faye Jeffcoat - Joe and Carol Anderson
In loving memory of Fran Hall DiBiase and Mac T. Atkins, Jr. Given with love by Mac, Carmen, Tilden and Carter Atkins
In loving memory of Florence Moffett Fowler and in honor of Lewis W. Fowler, Jr. - Ginger, Reese & Tucker Bates
In loving memory of Roy, Sarah and Steve Bates - Ginger, Reese & Tucker Bates
In loving memory of Brian Tucker Bates, Jr. - Ginger, Reese & Tucker Bates
To the glory of God and in honor of Peggy M. Batten - Robert Batten
In loving memory of my dear, sweet brother, Alex Jenkins. I miss him every day - Margie Brown
In honor & love of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church staff, for your service, care and commitment - Sharon and Steve Bryant
In honor of our children and grandchildren Lyndey and Peyton Bryant, Ellery and Addy, and Paige and Cordes Kennedy, and Baxter. - Sharon and Steve Bryant
In loving memory of William Bratton Steele Chandler, Jr. & Rita Johns Scott Chandler, parents of Martha Bratton Chandler, grandparents of William Alexander Kennedy & Cordes Baxter Kennedy (Paige) and great-grandparents to Cordes Baxter Kennedy, Jr.
In loving memory of Alec Chaplin Sr. by his grandchildren May, Luke and Alec
To the glory of God and in memory of Brian Bates - the Ted Haigler Sunday School class
To the glory of God and in memory of John Allan Ferguson- David and Connie Chase
To the glory of God and in memory of Robert O. Jones- David and Connie Chase
To the glory of God and in memory of Vivian and Eugene Chase and Eugene Bowen Chase, III (Bo) and Christina Chase
To the glory of God and in honor of Wendle and Anne Snapp - David and Connie Chase
To the glory of God and in honor of Elaine Littlejohn- David and Connie Chase
In loving memory of our grandmother, Marny Carol Karr - Caroline and Charlotte Coble
In loving memory of Oliver Counts by Mary and their children Warren, Cary and Robin
In loving memory of our nephew Jay St. John - Sark and Vicky Derderian
In loving memory of Carl Salisbury - Alex, Sarah and Hank Dillard
In loving memory of Meg Dillard - Jim Dillard
In loving memory of Meg Dillard - Alex, Sarah and Hank Dillard
In loving memory of our mother, father and grandparents, Annette and Jake King, from Gus, Kim, Drew & Robert Dixon
In loving memory of our mother, father and grandparents, Augusta and King Dixon, from Gus, Kim, Drew & Robert Dixon
In loving memory of Frances S. Dye - Madison and Lisa Dye and family
In honor of my wife Lisa - Madison Dye
In memory of our parents W.R and Ruth Dunn and Col. and Mrs. Tom Ellzey - Jane and Dan Ellzey
In honor of our grandchildren Jane and Mills Babcock, Abner, Barmore and Campbell Jones, and Daniel and Jimmy Ellzey - Jane and Dan Ellzey
I'm loving memory of Woody Sanford (Pop) - by his wife, Kiki Sanford, Julie and Bruce Fewell, and grandsons, Alex and William Fewell
In loving memory of Jane's parents, Frank and Dorothy McFaddin, given by Bill and Jane Francis
In loving memory of Bill's parents, Marion and Jane Francis, given by Bill and Jane Francis
In loving memory of Jane's siblings, Frank McFaddin, Jr., Jack McFaddin, Lorraine M. Walker and Henry McFaddin, given by Bill and Jane Francis
In loving memory of Violet and Lyle Warner and Mollye Ruth and Rock Gandy, given by Karen and Harry Gandy
In honor of Tripp, Katie, Todd, Pippi and Robbie Gandy, and our five grandchildren, given by Karen and Harry Gandy
In memory of Bartow Gilbert, with love from Betty and family
In honor of ministers, staff, and friends at Eastminster who have prayed and supported us - Mike and Robin Gorman
In honor of my husband—Robin
Robin Gorman: Small yet mighty. Thank you for being my wife and best friend - Mike
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis and Joe Williams by their family
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and Bill Halligan by their family
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Blair Babb Smoak by Kyle, Meredith, David and Grace Hewett
In loving memory of Ross Holcombe by his family
In loving memory of George Alexander Jenkins, Jr. and Mary Ball Graham - Spence and Stuart Jenkins
In loving memory of Butch Jones. Glory be to God - Susan
In loving memory of Grady Babb Kay, Jr. from the Kay family
In honor of the Poston family: Keith, Dori, Callie and Finn
In memory of Jeff Kososki - Carol, John, Leah and Julia Kososki
To the glory of God and in honor of all the dedicated and faithful musicians of Eastminster
To the glory of God and in honor of Carol Anderson and the Flower Guild
In loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cameron, and Mr. & Mrs. Edward M. Leppard - Mac and Connie Leppard

In loving memory of Rankin Craig, given by the Livingston family
In loving memory of Johnnie Livingston, given by the Livingston family
In loving memory of John Sim, given by the Livingston family
In loving memory of our parents, Paul and Sara Lovingood, by Kevin Lovingood, Belinda Lennon, and Vivian Lovingood.
In loving memory of Judy Love by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle
In loving memory of Betsy Sommerkamp by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle
In loving memory of Kenny Sommerkamp by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle
In loving memory of Meg Dillard, beloved mother and grandmother to Anne, Coke, Mary Margaret and Virginia Mann
In memory of God's dedicated servant, Brian Bates - Carolyn and Mark McClam
In memory of Brian Bates, Roy and Sarah Bates, and Steve Bates by the Butterbean Boys Club and Beantathletes everywhere
In gratitude for Blair, Eliza and Will by Bill McDow
In honor of Alison McGowan-For all that you do and have done for me and our family, with love - Bryant
In honor of Gena McGowan, thanks for everything you do; you are a blessing to our family - your son, Bryant
In loving memory of Helen, Claude and Ginny McMillan - Liz McMillan and Keith Postal
In loving memory of Josephine, Gus and Nancy Postal - Liz McMillan and Keith Postal
Given in thanksgiving for Susi and Robert McWilliams and in honor of Dale & Larry Pedrick, and Josephine & Mac McWilliams by your children and grandchildren
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Reece McWilliams, from Robert and Susi McWilliams
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Pedrick, Jr., from Robert and Susi McWilliams
To the glory of God and in loving memory of two extraordinary great-grandmothers, Dale Bennett Pedrick and Kathy Spurgeon Marsha, from Madelyn, Hall, Clara, LJ, Elizabeth, and Anne James McWilliams
In memory of C. Marshall Kibler and in honor of Anna Belle Kibler
In memory of Carlos Moca and in honor of Kathy Moca
In memory of our grandparents: Teddy & Mary Jane King, Miriam Moffat, and Lt. Col. William Glasgow
In loving memory of Vance and Janie Morrow - Doug and Pam Morrow
In loving memory of William L. Jones - Doug and Pam Morrow
In honor of Frank and Margaret Moses, in love and appreciation - Marion & Ashlee Moses family, Guy and Elizabeth Johnson family, Frank and Tracy Moses family
In honor of Felicia Carmichael and in memory of Marvin Carmichael - Marion and Ashlee Moses family
In memory of Emmie, our beloved Boykin Spaniel - Marion & Ashlee, Claire and Marion Moses
In honor of Peggy and Robert Batten - the Moses and Johnson families
In memory of Faye Jeffcoat - Marianne Murphy
In honor of Jackie and Bill Stallings - Ann Niland
In loving memory of our precious grandson, William "Beau" Snell given by Deane & Susan Pennington
In gratitude for our daughters Laney and Claire Pound - Kit and Leigh Pound
In honor of Mitzi Trotter - Kit and Leigh Pound
In loving memory of Ann St. John by the No Name small group
In honor of Pastor Emily by the Stephen Ministers
In loving memory of Juda Reinhardt from Amy Reiland, Rich Reinhardt and families
In loving memory of Juda Reinhardt by her family
Given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents John and Jane Dunbar, and Roy and Ann Sawyer
In honor of Fredna Lee and the Chancel Choir - Ellen Douglas Schlaefer
In honor of Lucy V. Scoville- Ellen Douglas Schlaefer
In honor of the George t. McCutchen Family - Ellen Douglas Schlaefer
In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Schlaefer - Ellen Douglas Schlaefer
In memory of Jack and Ellen Scoville - Ellen Douglas Schlaefer
To the glory of God and in memory of Helen Childers, Ginger Foster and Bobby Fuller by the Ichthus/Disciples Sunday School class
In memory of Sue and Paul Mitchell - Jan and Carey Shackelford
In honor of Betty Barton - Doug and Lyn Schultz
In honor of Mitzi Trotter - Doug and Lyn Schultz
In memory of Sarah Burgess Auman, mother of Lib Foster, by Frank and Jane Shuler
In memory of my beautiful mother, Rankin Suber Craig - Polly Sim
In memory of my shining light, John Anson Sim II - Polly Sim
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann H. St. John from Melissa St. John Raith and Jim St. John
To the glory of God and in loving memory of our brother, Alex Jenkins, rejoicing that he is with his Lord and Savior - Doris & Ed Stapel
In loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eutace Studstill and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strait. - Martha and Harvey Studstill
Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, William, Lolly, Nan, Anna, Warren, Charlie, Lee, & James - Nancy & Bill Theus
Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Lolly and Frank Dana, and Julia and Walter Theus - Nancy & Bill Theus
In loving memory of Laval and Beulah Osteen by Phyllis and Paul Trippe
Dedicated to the glory of God for his gift of our grandsons Groves, Charlie, and Legare - Audrey and Charles Varn
In loving memory of my parents Mary and Lacy Blanchard - Emily Walker
In honor of Sara Ellison, our dedicated, prepared, organized insightful leader. With love, your small group
Tripp and Sloane Whalen dedicate this poinsettia in honor of their grandparents: Rob and Martha Peddrick and Jeff and Karen Whalen
In memory of our loving, wonderfully weird daughter Kacy. We love and miss you so much - John and Kathy Winterhalter
In honor of the Weekly Weeders
In appreciation of Beth Oliver for opening her house for the EPW Holiday Social - from the EPW Council