Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Jubilee Contemporary Worship

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 21st 2025 11:15 am

Gathering Music

Video Announcements

Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Meredith and Daniel Christenberry, Olivia, Ford and Monroe

Opening Song Club 345

Advent Hymn Christy Nockels

Gathering Prayer Rev. Rob Schoonover

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9:2-6 Readers: Mac Strong

*Congregational Carol

Light of the World

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

Lesson 2: Luke 1:39-56 Rev. Croskeys Royall

Homily "Might As Well Jump"

Lesson 3: Luke 2:1-14 Reader: Walker McWilliams

*Congregational Carol

Noel Tan/Chislett/Galbraith

Lesson 4: Luke 2:15-20

Carol- Club 345

Mary Did You Know? Lowry/Green

Offering & Time of Reflection with Song

Here Comes Heaven Robertson/Brown/Furtick

Offering Prayer

*Lesson 5: John 1: 1-14

Readers: Karson Riddle, Hudson Riddle, Whitney Hudson

Reader: Andrew Richardson

Prayers of the PeopleRev. Rob Schoonover

*Congregational Carol

O Come All You Unfaithful Kauflin/Clown/Galbraith

*Sending Song- Club 345 and Congregation

Go Tell It on the Mountain Traditional

*Charge and Benediction

*Response to the Benediction

The First Nowell Traditional

*Let us rise together in body, or in Spirit, as you are able

For details and to register for EPC programs and events, visit Upcoming Events (www.eastminsterpres.org).

The Longest Night Worship Service is today at 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary: As we acknowledge that the holidays can bring with them a myriad of emotions, our prayer is that this service might be a place of comfort and hope as we draw near to God this holiday season. Bring a friend who may benefit.

Thank you to all who have submitted 2026
Pledge Commitments: You may drop
pledge cards in the offering plate or by the
Church Office. Visit
www.eastminsterpres.org and click on the

<u>www.eastminsterpres.org</u> and click on the PLEDGE button to pledge online.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship at Eastminster: Please join us and note that the times have changed for our Christmas Eve services. The Children's service is at 3 p.m. The Family Candlelight service is at 5 p.m., and the Candlelight Communion service is at 7 p.m. We will have one carol service on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Dress casually, and plan to sing Christmas favorites.

Christmas Day Lunch at Transitions: We will provide meals for up to 450 people from Transitions and The Rapid Center. 30 servers are needed between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Donations of Hawaiian Rolls, Mandarin Oranges, Homemade Christmas Desserts,

Deacons serving in Worship today: Austin Rhodes and Susan Ratteree and "Gorp" are due to the Church Office by 3 p.m. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up to serve or donate. Thank you to Alison McGowan for leading this outreach and to the many volunteers who serve and prepare donations each month for Transitions.

December 28th Worship Schedule: We'll

have two "blended" worship services in the Sanctuary (9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.) with a Holiday Brunch for all ages at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall. James Blackwelder, child of EPC and second-year student at Austin Seminary, will preach. (No Sunday School or Jubilee Contemporary Worship.) Don't forget to bring a jar of peanut butter for Harvest Hope on fourth Sundays.

2025 Year-End Giving: Year-end contributions can be made via the offering plate by December 28th or postmarked by December 31st. You may also drop off at the Church Office, "Attn Treasurer," by 5 p.m. Consult your financial advisor to give a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. To donate stock, contact Christy Rippy, Treasurer, via email at crippy@eastminsterpres.org for instructions.

Pledge Status Report as of December 15, 2025

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 2026.

- 242 Pledges Increased
- 97 Pledges With No Change
- 24 Pledges Decreased
- 46 New Pledges

For a total of 409 pledges totaling \$4,385,763 85 pledges were made for 2025, but not yet for 2026

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