



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN

# Jubilee Contemporary Worship

12.07.2025\*11:15 AM

## GATHERING MUSIC

## VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Kellee and Robert Murrell, Anslee and Clayton

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

Andrews/Sooter/Prichard/C. Wesley

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**—All are invited to sing  
*Even So Come*

Tomlin/Cates/Ingram

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5  
Scripture Focus: Matthew 3:1-12

## SERMON

Dr. Douglass Key

"Worthwhile Fruit"

## \*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

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

## TIME OF OFFERING

Officer's Prayer: Lib Foster

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

Christy Nockels

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**—All are invited to sing  
*Endless Light*

Ussher/Cashwell

## \*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/>.

**Kingdom Kids and Club 345 meet tonight from 5-6:30 p.m.:** Kingdom Kids drop-off is in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop-off is in Room 256. See emails from Mrs. Stefanie about Christmas rehearsal dates and times!

**All-Youth Christmas Pizza Party is Tonight from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the CLC:** Bring a gift for our white elephant gift exchange and join us for fellowship, food, and fun! Look for texts from Emily Higgins and Pastor Rob with details.

**EPW Circles One and Three Meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall:** All ladies are invited to join us for fellowship, prayer, and study. Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

**Poinsettia Dedications (\$25.00) may be made through tomorrow:** Form at the Welcome Center or fill out the online form with the wording you would like to have printed in the bulletins. Please return hard copies with checks to Julie McDaniel.

**Bring an Ornament in Honor of a Loved One to Help Decorate the Memory Tree:** This special memorial tree is moving to the Adult Reception Hall this Advent. You may drop off ornaments at the Church Office reception.

**EPW's Holiday Social is this Saturday, December 13th, at the Bullard's house from 2 to 4 p.m.:** All Eastminster ladies are invited. You may RSVP and make your donation to the Columbia Women's Shelter via the Upcoming Event on our website. It is a lovely time each December for fellowship and giving.

**Join us for Lessons and Carols on December 14th during Traditional Worship (9 & 11:15 a.m.):** This year's theme is "Love Has Come." Favorite Advent hymns and carols will be led by our Chancel Choir and an orchestra. Each year, Lessons and Carols is a joyful way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

**The Living Nativity is on December 14th at 5, 6, and 7 p.m. on the front lawn:** Children of all ages enjoy this rendition of the Christmas Story with livestock and wise men.

**Transitions Third Thursday is December 18th:** Sign up to serve lunch or dinner. You may also provide food donations for the evening meal. Donations of mandarin oranges, pound cakes, and pasta salad are due to the Church Office Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. Visit [Upcoming Events](#) for more information and to sign up.

**Carols and Keyboards is on Thursday, December 18th, at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary:** Join us for dinner before the concert in Thompson Hall at 5:45. Enjoy festive music accompanied by two pianos, an organ, handbells, and the beautiful voices of the Eastminster Chancel Choir. RSVP for dinner via [Upcoming Events](#).

**The Longest Night Worship Service is on Sunday, December 21st, 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.

**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:** Join us in service on Christmas Day. 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, and "Gorp" are also needed. 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.

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**Deacons serving in Worship today:**

Lisa Newman and Geoff Reabold



### Pledge Status Report as of December 1, 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.*

229 Pledges Increased

91 Pledges With No Change

21 Pledges Decreased

44 New Pledges

For a total of 380 pledges totaling \$4,213,513

107 pledges were made for 2025, but not yet for 2026