Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Jubilee Contemporary Worship

Sunday, November 29, 2026 11:15 am

First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Video Announcements

The People Are Called to Worship Mary Robinson

Lighting the Advent Candle Oliver, Rebecca and Virginia Hartner

***Opening Song**
Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King Wyeth/Miller/Robinson

***Song of Praise**
Word of God, Speak Millard/Kipley
(After the song, 3K-5K children may be dismissed to Children's Church)

***Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture Lesson
Unison Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
Scripture Focus: Luke 1:39-56

Sermon Dr. Brad Smith
"Who? When? Where? Why?"

***We Affirm Our Faith** Dr. Douglass Key

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering & Time of Reflection with Song
He Comes Bluett/Zach
Offering Prayer Rebecca Hartner

***Sending Song**—*All are invited to sing*
God With Us Millard/Graul/Bryson/Cochran/Schaffer/Scheuchzer

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to the Benediction**

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

Unison Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,
5 and he shall be the one of peace.

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.

Deacons serving in Worship today:
Kathleen Muthig and Mary Frances Jowers

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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our web-site https://eastminsterpres.org/.

A Baby Room (S-97) for crying or hungry babies is available in the sanctuary basement. The space has been set apart for parents who may need to change or feed their baby during worship. A changing table and rocking chairs are available; the worship service is online.

Thank you to all who have submitted Pledges for 2027: To pledge online, visit www.eastminsterpres.org, and click the blue PLEDGE button at the top right. You may also fill out a pledge card and place it in the offering or bring it to the Church Office, attention Christy Rippy- EPC Treasurer.

All MSB (Missions, Service & Benevolence) Service Opportunities: can now be found on our website's homepage (www.eastminsterpres.org). You will see "Mission Opportunities" midway down the page. Contact Laura Long with questions about holiday service at EPC (llong@eastminsterpres.org).

Advent Devotionals are Available in our Reception Areas: You may also find the online version under Resources/Publications on our website. .

Mall to Manger Cards and Envelopes are Available in our Reception Areas: Donations go to EMS Closet and the Women's Shelter. Be sure to note "M2M" on the memo line of checks, or on the envelope. You may place donations in the offering plate, or drop by the Church Office, Attn: Treasurer.

***Join us for Care Ministry's Advent "Creative Connection":** for three Thursdays beginning December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 10am. Make Christmas cards for our homebound members and enjoy Christmas carols, coffee, and sweet treats as we create!

***2026 Poinsettia Memorials and Honoraria:** The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria to help decorate the Sanctuary and other areas of the church with live wreaths, greenery, and poinsettias for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Submit your dedication wording through the online form by Monday, December 7.

***Carols and Keyboards Dinner and Concert is on December 7th:** Join us for dinner in Thompson Hall at 5:45 p.m. Menu: Chicken Scallopini, Cheese Tortellini, Roasted Asparagus, Roll, Pear, Cranberry, Feta, and Arugula Salad, Carrot Cake, and Red Velvet Cake. We'll move to the sanctuary for the concert at 7 p.m. to enjoy Christmas music featuring four pianos.

***The EPW Vine Retreat is January 29th-31st, 2027, at The Cove:** All women are invited for a weekend of fellowship and faith formation. Our speaker is Rev. Julie Bailey (Columbia Seminary). Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminster.com) with any questions.

***Transitions Service Opportunities and Donations** on December 17th and December 25th: In addition to the regular Third Thursday outreach, we will serve lunch and dinner on Christmas Day for 450 neighbors at Transitions and the Rapid Center.

Christmas Eve Worship: 3 p.m. Children's service, 5 p.m. Family Candlelight service, and 7 p.m. Candlelight Communion service. Our 3 p.m. Children's service is lively and well-attended. Overflow seating will be in the parlor once the sanctuary is filled. The Family Candlelight service at 5 p.m. will have overflow seating in Thompson Hall with the service on the screen, and a pastor and singers to help lead worship. The 7 p.m. Candlelight service is less crowded and Communion will be served. For any service, you may save one spot on the pew next to you, but not the entire pew. Ushers will help with available seating as our sanctuary begins to fill for each service. **Christmas Day worship** is in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m; dress casually and plan to sing plenty of carols.

***Bahamas Adult Mission Trip is January 16th-23rd, 2027:** Experience serving in the Abacos! Help rebuild for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. See what God is doing in the Bahamas.

Pledge Status Report as of November 23, 2026

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 workthrough Eastminster in 2027.

210 Pledges increased; 93 Pledges with no change; 25 Pledges decreased; 48 New Pledges

For a total of 386 pledges totaling $4,212,298. 102 pledges were made for 2026 but not yet for 2027.

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COME AND SEE... JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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