

Merry Christmas and Welcome!

We Welcome You to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are blessed by your presence with us and pray that in a deep and abiding way the power and presence of the living God will touch your heart today.

We Are Grateful for your presence, invite you to join us again on Sundays, and ask you to register your name by writing in the Friendship Pad or scanning the QR Code found there. If you are looking for a church home or would like to learn more about Eastminster Presbyterian Church, let a minister or greeter know. We also invite you to attend our First Step Class, which begins on March 2, 2025; this class is led by our ministers and staff, where they discuss who we are, our ministries, ways to get involved, and all Eastminster has to offer.

Thank you for your support of Eastminster in 2024. 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 on Tuesday, December 31, by 5 p.m. To donate stock, contact Christy Rippy, Treasurer, at crippy@eastminsterpres.org for stock transfer instructions.

2025 Pledging: If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please do! Your pledge represents your commitment to glorify God through Eastminster's ministries

Office Hours - The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Church offices will be open Thursday, December 26, through Tuesday, December 31, from 9 am to 5 pm. The Christian Life Center (CLC) will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025. The CLC will be open Thursday, December 26, through Tuesday, December 31, from 9 am to 5 pm.



EASTMINSTER
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CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2024
10:30 AM

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EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Day, December 25, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Peter and Jane Brissette

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A child has been born for us.

People: A great light shines in the middle of our darkness.

Leader: A child has been born for us,

People: establishing God's justice and breaking every yoke.

Leader: A child has been born for us, and we worship him together:

**All: Wonderful Counselor Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Hallelujah!**

†*SONG OF ADORATION #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*SONG OF ADORATION #137

He Came Down

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

If you or someone you know is in need of special prayer today or if you would like to speak personally with a pastor about making a first-time commitment to Christ or growing in the Christian faith and discipleship, a pastor is on hand to speak with you following the worship service today by the pulpit in the front of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Royall

*SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

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Scripture Focus: Matthew 19:13-15

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

“A Time with the Children”

*HYMN OF JOY #136

Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

December 29, 2024

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

9:00 and 11:15 am in the Sanctuary

No Jubilee service

*Those who are able, please stand.