



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BUILDING TOGETHER THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:1-16

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

~ *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD* ~

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor
(Children and Youth Processional)

Andre Guilmant

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRAYER

Deedra Rich

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(*We stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is spoken in unison.)*

Deedra Rich

Praise to the Lamb, who is seated on the throne of heaven!

Praise be to God, who offers God's love to us!

Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, and power, and might.

Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us.

***HYMN NO. 297**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(We invite you to wave palms as you sing.)

ELLACOMBE

~ BEING RENEWED IN GRACE ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jensen Rivera

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. (We continue in silent prayer.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jensen Rivera

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jensen Rivera

~ HEARING THE WORD ~

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Deedra Rich

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-10

Pew Bible N.T. p. 303
Jensen Rivera

MUSICAL OFFERING *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

William Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in.
Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

SECOND READING

Luke 19:28-42

Pew Bible N.T. p. 101
Rev. Jeanine Fulton

SERMON

A Weeping Savior

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

~ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING ~

***HYMN NO. 320**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jensen Rivera

(The Apostles' Creed may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

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, for ever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Jensen Rivera

OFFERTORY

You Are My Hiding Place

Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You, I will trust in You. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

~ *GOING FORTH TO SHARE THE WORD* ~

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me*

Jack White

(text adapted by EPC)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and the Lord will be my Savior.

We invite you to enjoy the postlude or gather in the narthex for fellowship.

POSTLUDE

March on All Hail the Power

Paul L. Wright

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lourene Plunkett Collins.*

### Visitor Information

- ❖ Our worship service is streamed live on YouTube at 10:30 AM every Sunday and can be accessed from our website at [www.eastminster.us/sundays](http://www.eastminster.us/sundays).
- ❖ Hearing assistive devices are available. Please see a greeter for a device.
- ❖ We offer adult and children's Sunday school.
- ❖ Childcare is available for young children in room 222.
- ❖ If you are interested in joining or desire more information about Eastminster, please speak with the pastor or a member after the service.

### Membership at Eastminster Presbyterian Church

If you are reading this information in our worship bulletin, you are already welcome. At Eastminster, all are invited to participate in our activities and ministries, regardless of membership. However, by becoming a member, you will gain a voice and a vote in congregational meetings and can more fully express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church.

Individuals may join the church in one of the following ways:

- Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized)
- Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church)
- Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active role of another church and wishing to move their membership)
- Affiliate Membership (for members of another Christian body who wish to be received by the Session of Eastminster)

Affiliate members may participate fully in church life, except they cannot vote in congregational meetings or be elected to ordered ministry or any office.

Contributions to Eastminster Presbyterian Church can be made using the provided pew envelopes or online by visiting our website at [www.eastminster.us/giving](http://www.eastminster.us/giving)

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*Called by the grace of God and empowered through the Holy Spirit, Eastminster Presbyterian Church seeks to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people both near and far through proclamation, nurture, and mission.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We invite those on the aisle seat to sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

**If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one(s) for Easter**, please email the church office at [office@eastminster.us](mailto:office@eastminster.us) with the information or fill out an order form (available in the Narthex) and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$10 per flower and **the deadline is Monday, April 14**. (Make check payable to Eastminster and note for "Lily.") Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and available for pick up after the service.

**The staff will have a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 15**, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you need to reach a staff member during this time, please contact them by email.

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 PM in Founders Hall.** On this special night, we are all invited to gather, as we recall the night of Jesus' betrayal and arrest. We remember and celebrate the Institution of the Lord's Supper, and Jesus' issuing the Great Commandment "Love one another". Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to this and every Service.

Join us early on **Easter morning (Sunday, April 20)** at 9:15 AM for the flowering of the cross and breakfast. Participants are asked to bring flowers to share and, for those who are able, a dish to share. A sign-up sheet to bring a dish is available in the Narthex or by contacting the office at [office@eastminster.us](mailto:office@eastminster.us). Following breakfast, we will have a celebration service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. Child care for young children will be provided in room 222.

**The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21.**

**EPC Director of Music Ministries, Brandon K Smith, is premiering his new composition featuring the Urban Youth Harp Ensemble this month.** The concert will be on the campus of Drew Charter Academy on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 PM. For more information, email [bsmith@eastminster.us](mailto:bsmith@eastminster.us).

A **congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 27, immediately following the worship service to receive the annual report. Then, at noon, the Session will meet in the Adult Center.

Join us for our **Youth Faith Forum on Wednesday, April 30, 6 PM to 7:30 PM.** Bring your friends, enjoy dinner, and get ready for engaging conversations about faith, ethics, and the life choices that matter most.

Save the date! **Eastminster Presbyterian Church's 58th birthday celebration is on Sunday, May 4!** Following the worship service, the Congregational Life committee will host a special potluck luncheon in the gym, where we can gather for food, fellowship, and celebration. Stay tuned for more details!

Eastminster is gearing up for an exciting **Vacation Bible School on June 23-26**, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and we need your help to create an unforgettable experience for kids. There are many ways to get involved, including registration, decorations, snacks, games, storytelling, music, and hands-on activities. Volunteer forms are available in the narthex and can be dropped in the basket or turned into the office. If you have any questions, please contact Deedra Rich at [drich@eastminster.us](mailto:drich@eastminster.us). Be part of the adventure and sign up today!

**ESAP Summer Camp**, May 27 – August 1, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Ages 3-12) – Register now at [www.eastminster.us/summer](http://www.eastminster.us/summer). This year's summer camp theme is *The Greatest Gift: Is More Than Presents*.

## THIS WEEK AT EASTMINSTER

### **Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (birth - 12 years) – Room 222 - 224  
Adult Sunday School – Adult Center  
Simple Matters Small Group - Youth Room
- 9:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting – Founders Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

### **Monday, April 14**

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Rick's Bible Study – Zoom 1
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting – Adult Center
- 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 876 – Gym
- 7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting – Zoom 2

### **Tuesday, April 15**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Planning Meeting – Conference Room 225  
Al-Anon – Room 325
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Zoom 2
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting – Youth Room

### **Wednesday, April 16**

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – Founders Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Weekday Ministries Committee Meeting – Zoom 1
- 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting – Zoom 2
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir – Room 136
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### **Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday**

- 10:00 a.m. Marys & Marthas Bible Study – Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service – Founders Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Pickleball - Gym

### **Friday, April 18 – Office Closed – Good Friday**

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour from Home – Zoom 1

### **Saturday, April 19**

- 10:00 a.m. Pickleball – Gym

### **Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m. Child Care (birth - 4 years) – Room 222  
Fellowship Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross – Founders Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary