



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BUILDING TOGETHER THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:1-16

May 11, 2025

~ *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD* ~

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Mark Hayes

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRAYER

Deedra Rich

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

Jordan Magee

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

***HYMN NO. 90**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

~ BEING RENEWED IN GRACE ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jordan Magee

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. *(We continue in silent confession.)* **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jordan Magee

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jordan Magee

~ HEARING THE WORD ~

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Deedra Rich

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Pew Bible O.T. p. 617
Jordan Magee

MUSICAL OFFERING

Howard Helvey

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offense, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in forgiving that one is forgiven, it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.

SECOND READING

Acts 9:36-42

Pew Bible N.T. p. 156
Mark Sauls

SERMON

Mark Sauls

~ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING~

***HYMN NO. 550**

I Want to Be Like Jesus

IVES

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jordan Magee

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mark Sauls

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

Jordan Magee

OFFERTORY

You Are There

Jarius Cliett

I sit in a place unfamiliar and afraid, not knowing which way to turn, but I notice where my help comes from. (Refrain: You are there with arms for me to run into, you are there to strengthen where I'm weak, you are there to guide me and to comfort me, yes, you are there for me, yes you are there for me.) When the darkness tries to take me over, and the walls of the world close in, there is one who I know is listening, and will carry me through the end. (Refrain) I said your love is unending, your grace is all that I need, you have all the power to supply my every need, I said your love is unending, your grace is all that I need, you have all the power to supply my every need. (Refrain)

***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**

Mark Sauls

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Peter C. Lurkin

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you.

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

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive

Jason Payne

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.
- ❖ 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

Pastor ~ Rev. Jeanine Fulton: jfulton@eastminster.us
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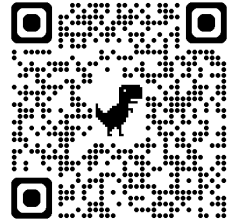
Called by the grace of God and empowered through the Holy Spirit, Eastminster Presbyterian Church seeks to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people both near and far through proclamation, nurture, and mission.

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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.

We're doing another round of T-shirt orders for VBS, using the same design as the Friends and Neighbors Day shirts. Adult shirts are \$20 and kid's shirts are \$8. Orders are due by Sunday, June 15, and payment must be made by check only, given directly to Deedra Rich or Christina in the office. Shirts will be available for pickup after payment is confirmed on Sunday, June 22 in the narthex following worship, or you can make alternate arrangements with Deedra or Christina. To place your order, scan the QR code with your phone's camera app, or visit our website at eastminster.us/events to complete the form.



Graduate recognition is coming up! Please send the name, school, and degree of those who are graduating from high school or college (between December 2024 - Summer 2025) to msauls@eastminster.us by Monday, May 12. We will honor graduates next Sunday, May 18.

Please join us for our **Wednesday Night dinner and program on May 14**. We will eat at 5:30 PM in Founders Hall and dinner will include roasted pork loin, rice and gravy, green beans, salad, cornbread muffins, cake, and drinks. For our program, we will gather in the Adult Center at 6:15 PM to welcome our very own **Dr. George "Chip" Wilmot, MD, PhD** for a fascinating and informative presentation titled "The Human Brain – How It Works and How It Fails." Dr. Wilmot is a specialist in the clinical assessment and treatment of ataxia, a group of rare neurological disorders that affect coordination, balance, and speech. Meals are \$12 per person or \$6 per child, 12 years or younger. **Email your reservations for dinner by Monday, May 11 to office@eastminster.us or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.**

Happy Hour from Home! Looking for a relaxed way to connect with church friends from the comfort of home? EPC's Virtual Happy Hour is a casual Friday evening gathering where members come together online to share conversation, laughter, and community. Started during the pandemic to stay connected, Happy Hour has become a cherished weekly tradition. It's not a program or agenda—just friendly faces, open conversation, and a chance to unwind with fellow church members. **Join us Fridays at 6:00 PM via Zoom**—no pressure, no prep, just fellowship from home. Zoom details are available on our website: eastminster.us/onlinegatherings.

If you are **thinking about joining Eastminster**, or just have questions about the church, or are interested in learning more about what's going on in our church, you are cordially invited to come to Founders Hall next **Sunday, May 18, at 9:30 AM for Coffee and Conversation**—an informal gathering with Pastor Jeanine Fulton and representatives from the Session to answer any questions you may have.

A Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 at 1:30 PM in the Adult Center.

We will take up **Eastminster's Care and Help Offering (ECHO)** on May 25th to support three nonprofit organizations: Stone Mountain Co-op, Lilburn Co-op, and the Giathenge Feeding Center in Kenya. Donations can be made in two ways: in person, during the last hymn on May 25th with envelopes provided in the pews, or by mailing your donation to the church at 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087, with "ECHO" noted on the donation.

CPR/First Aid/AED Training Class - Join us for a CPR/First Aid/AED certification class on Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 PM in the ESAP area. This important training is open to anyone interested. Cost is \$20 per person and pre-registration is required. Don't miss this opportunity to learn life-saving skills!

THIS WEEK AT EASTMINSTER

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. Music Committee Meeting – Adult Center

Monday, May 12

- 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

Tuesday, May 13

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room 225
Al-Anon – Room 325
- 4:30 p.m. Parkview Choir Banquet – Founders Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting – Adult Center
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Zoom 2

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – Founders Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Weekday Ministries Committee Meeting – Zoom 1
- 4:30 p.m. Ways and Means Committee Meeting – Conference Room 225
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner – Founder Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Chip Wilmot's Presentation: The Human Brain – Adult Center
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, May 15

- 10:00 a.m. Marys & Marthas Bible Study – Youth Room
- 7:30 p.m. Pickleball - Gym

Friday, May 16 – Office Closed

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

Saturday, May 17

- 10:00 a.m. Pickleball – Gym

Sunday, May 18

- 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. Coffee & Conversations Meeting – Founders Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Adult Center
- 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 876 - Gym