



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
November 18, 2018**

SIGNS  
OF THE **TIMES**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*\* Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.***

## GATHERING

**Welcome and Announcements** *(Please sign the friendship pads)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

**Prelude** “Fanfare on Old Hundredth”

*Bell Choir*

**Call to Worship**

*1 Sam. 2:1-2*

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

***our strength is exalted in God.***

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

***God has given us the victory.***

There is no Holy One like the Lord;

***there is no Rock like our God.***

***Praise the Lord!***

**\*Hymn #360**

*Christ is Coming*

**\*Call to Confession**

*What does the Lord require of us*

*but to do justice*

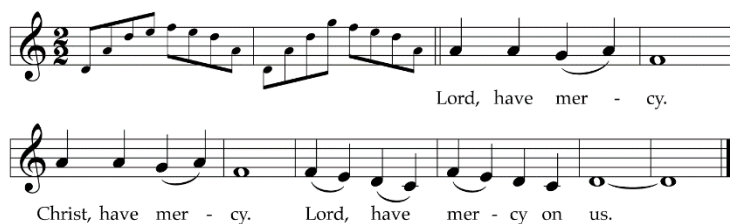
*and to love kindness*

*and to walk humbly with our God?*

*Trusting the mercy of God, let us come in confession.*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

In response to the words, *We beseech you, O God*, please sing the following:



God of mercy, despite our best efforts, we have not always lived as we should. Our own short-sightedness and impatience have led us to make choices based upon our immediate needs over your desires. Forgive our selfish ways. *We beseech you, O God,*

*(sing)*

There are wars all around us and rumors of war. We are afraid for ourselves and our world and we let these fears overwhelm our faith and trust in you. Forgive us. *We beseech you, O God,*

*(sing)*

We don't always recognize or acknowledge that our reticence to embrace the stranger comes from our own prejudices. Forgive us for our biases.

We see injustices all around: in the papers, on television, on the web, or walking through our community. Yet we often do not speak up or take action. Forgive us for our silence. *We beseech you, O God,*

*(sing)*

In the silence we now offer up our prayers asking for forgiveness and mercy... *We beseech you, O God,*

(sing)

## \*Declaration of God's Grace

### \*Congregational Response

[Glory to God #583]

Chords: Dm, Gm, C, F, (chords continue)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex-cel - sis De - o!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Turn to your neighbors and say, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Children's Sermon

### Mission Spotlight

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### Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your Word. Amen.

### Reading from Scripture

1 Samuel 2:1-10

(Pew Bible, page 234 - OT)

**2 Hannah prayed and said,**

**"My heart exults in the Lord;**

**my strength is exalted in my God.<sup>[a]</sup>**

**My mouth derides my enemies,**

**because I rejoice in my<sup>[b]</sup> victory.**

**<sup>2</sup> "There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;**

there is no Rock like our God.  
<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly,  
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
 for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
 and by him actions are weighed.  
<sup>4</sup> The bows of the mighty are broken,  
 but the feeble gird on strength.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
 The barren has borne seven,  
 but she who has many children is forlorn.  
<sup>6</sup> The Lord kills and brings to life;  
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
 he brings low, he also exalts.  
<sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
 to make them sit with princes  
 and inherit a seat of honor.<sup>[c]</sup>  
 For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
 and on them he has set the world.  
<sup>9</sup> "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
 for not by might does one prevail.  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
 the Most High<sup>[d]</sup> will thunder in heaven.  
 The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
 he will give strength to his king,  
 and exalt the power of his anointed."

**Bell Choir Anthem**      *"My Heart is Ever Faithful"*

**Reading from Scripture**

Mark 13:1-8

(Pew Bible, pages 47 - NT)

**Sermon**      "Birth Pangs"

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

## Hymn #373

## *O Day of Peace*

### Offering of Resources and Prayer

*Financial offerings support the life and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plates.*

#### Offertory

\*Doxology [#606 Old Hundredth]

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

*We return a portion of what we have received from you,  
O God, in gratitude for all that you have bestowed upon  
us. Bless this offering. Grant that it may continue to  
sustain and support the ministries of this church to  
bring the light of Christ into this community and the  
world. Amen.*

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

\*Hymn #100      *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Mary Lou Clifton

Children's Message: Rev. Kristin Stroble  
Handbell Choir Director: Heather Myer  
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Notes and Acknowledgements:

- The Prayer of Confession is adapted from UCC, Worship Ways.
- “Lord, Have Mercy” from *Glory to God* #551, reprinted with permission.

**New Here?** Thank you for joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our church is available in the narthex, including our weekly email. We invite you to sign in on the Friendship pads found at the end of the pew, so we can greet you by name. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship, in the space we call the Green Room, which is across from the sanctuary. After fellowship we have a variety of classes for all ages that you are welcome to join.

**Prayer Cards** are in the Friendship Pads, which are at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request that you would like announced during the service, please write it on the prayer card and you can place it in the plate during the collection of the offering. The Pastor will read them (unless marked private) before the Pastoral Prayer.

**Children and Worship:** Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Children's bulletins can be found outside the sanctuary doors as well as activity bags, which they can use during the service. We have created a space for children at the front of the sanctuary. Your child is welcome to use that space or remain in the pews with you.

**Today at Eastminster**

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Jan Coye,  
Mary Harvey

**Greeters**

Judy Dunn, Sue Miller

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given in memory  
of Dr. John Dunn by Ted and Pat Hagan.

Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Discipleship
Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Jadrian Tarver	Choir Director
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director
Laurin Schulz	Nursery Attendant
Emma Giles	Nursery Attendant

**Church Leadership and Staff**

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham	Parish Advisor

## **Eastminster Prayer Concerns**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler  
Jeri Augenstein

*Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. Stroble.*

## **Eastminster Church Officers**

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2019**

Brian Heitman  
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Mary Harvey  
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## **Eastminster Mission Statement**

We, the members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,  
celebrate the grace of God and the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

We believe we are called as God's children to:

Praise and worship God;

Nurture and support spiritual growth as a family of faith;

Promote an open and welcoming community;

Reach out to the world with compassion;

and seek God's justice.

We strive to develop and use our Spirit-given gifts

to share our faith in word and deed

as disciples who serve the Lord Jesus Christ

according to the will of God.

*Adopted by the Session in 1999. Revised in 2011.*

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