



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
October 24, 2021**



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY
PROMISE AND BRING YOU
BACK TO THIS PLACE.
FOR SURELY I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR
YOUR WELFARE AND NOT
FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE WITH HOPE.

+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11

**A FUTURE
WITH HOPE**

WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

After worship please join us outside for refreshments and a time of fellowship.



In an effort to keep our community safe and to love our neighbor, we are requiring masks in the building regardless of vaccination status. For those who desire more space, the service will be playing in the Green Room (west of the sanctuary).

Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew, sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary or right now in the back of the sanctuary on the padded chairs. We have not yet resumed childcare, so if you are worried about your child getting a little wiggly or loud you can also worship in the Green Room where your child will have more space to move.

This is a livestream worship service, and the camera and microphones are on the whole time. While the camera is most often focused on the front of the sanctuary, there is a chance that you will be captured on camera. We do turn the camera off during the children's sermon and have that part audio only. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.
Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.
We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us,
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us without end.
Come let us worship God together.

Hymn #390 Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Stewardship Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Micah 4:1-5

Sermon Hope Moves You Forward

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

The Sacrament of Baptism Ava Rose Ehe

Presentation

Profession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Baptism

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

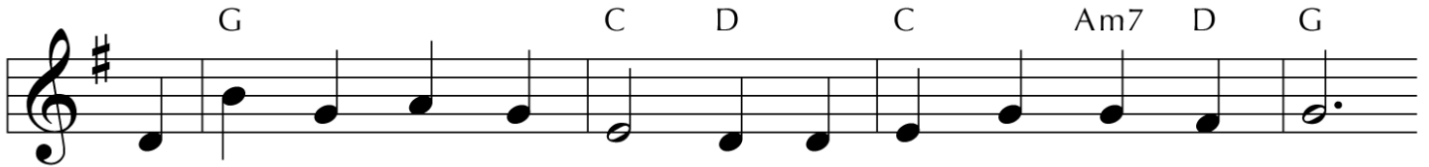
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

Offering *(You can place your gifts in the offering plates as you enter or exit the sanctuary. We also have online giving on our website: www.eastminsterchurch.org.)*

***Hymn #378** We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom



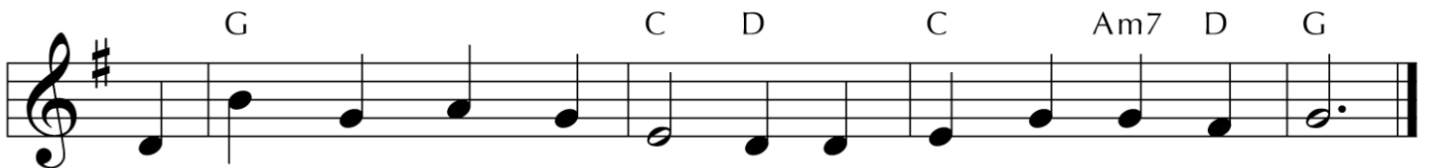
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Susan Smalley
Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Worship Credits: Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Sermon Series: Today we begin our stewardship sermon series: "A Future With Hope." In this series we will be looking at texts of exile and return. Cycles of separation and return are ancient and ongoing in scripture and in life. The church is called to be a community of return, homecoming and hope. It is a place where we come together to hear the good news, again and again, that even in the midst of crisis God says to us, "I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not to harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jer 29:10-11).

Ushers

Head usher: Bev Bonning; Jeff Lapinski

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Flowers

The flowers today celebrate the baptism of Ava Rose Ehe

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Christian Education
Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director and Video Producer

This Week at Eastminster:

Oct. 24 through Oct. 31

TODAY, 10/24

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:10 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/25

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 10/26

Handbell Choir	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 10/27

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/28

Cultured Purls	10:00 a.m.
30s/40s group	7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 10/31

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:10 a.m.

All Saints 2021

On October 31st in worship, we will be remembering those who have joined the church triumphant in the past year. We will include all members who died in the past year, but also invite you to submit names of family or friends you have lost. If you'd like your loved one included, please send Kristin (revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org) their name, date of death, and picture. These names need to be received by today. Thank you.

Adult Education Forum (Sundays at 11:10am)

A new adult education forum begins today. We will use a hybrid model so that folks can join us in person in the Green Room or via Zoom. All adults and youth in 6th grade and up are welcome to attend.

October 24: Extended Adolescence (the Journey from Youth to Young Adulthood)

Neil Myer will share with us about the "longer than it used to be" journey from youth to young adulthood. We will explore what this trend in human development might mean for the church and how to respond to the needs this trend makes known.

This week will also include a time for participants to share potential topic ideas with the Christian Education team.

October 31 Afghan Refugees and Advocacy

Rev. Kristin Stroble will bring us the latest on Afghan refugees arriving in our area and how we as a church and individuals can engage in advocacy and help with practical needs for those that are arriving.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We have committed to providing Thanksgiving food baskets for 10 families. The program, coordinated by Christian Services, will provide groceries to prepare a complete Thanksgiving meal.

We are asking congregation members to volunteer for one of two activities for this initiative. First, we are asking that members volunteer to purchase the items for a food basket. The food needs to be brought to the church on November 18th from 10am-4pm or November 19th from 4-6pm.

We are also asking for volunteers to deliver the food baskets sometime between November 20-23rd. Sign-up by going to our website: www.eastminsterchurch.org/ThanksgivingBaskets

Worship Help Needed!

We are grateful to be worshiping in person and online as a community of faith. We need your help, though, with these services. Below are some of the volunteers we need:

Worship Leaders: Are you willing to help Kristin with leading the worship in-person on Sunday mornings? We would love to include as many different voices as possible. Contact the office if you're interested.

Virtual Worship Hosts: We are seeking individuals that will help engage those worshiping online. A virtual worship host would use the chat function in YouTube to welcome people and invite participation. Contact Kristin if you are willing to help and she will give you more information.

LiveStream Help: Now that the livestream is up and running, we are seeking to train more people to run that on Sunday mornings. Anyone comfortable with a computer is able to learn this. We need people who are willing to run it once a month or to fill in on occasion. Please let Kristin know if you are interested in learning!

Advent House

Advent House fully opened its day shelter and food programs in August. In the past, in addition to providing Saturday lunches once a month, Eastminster provided items to support the day shelter and food programs. Thus, we are requesting donations as we had in the past, as listed below. There are baskets in the Green Room where you can drop off items.

Personal Needs

Toilet paper
Laundry soap
Bleach
Dish soap
Bar soap
Paper towels
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Shampoo
Tampons & pads
Tissue

Weekend Day Shelter

Paper towels
8" heavy-duty paper or Styrofoam plates
Napkins
lg (50-gal) garbage bags
Pine-Sol
Aluminum foil
Bleach
Food handling (non-latex) gloves (M)
Dawn dishwashing soap
Grease-cutting spray
String mop heads

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