



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
October 31, 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 31, 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

We gather today to remember
the saints who have gone before us
and the saints who still surround us.

We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

We gather today as bereaved and grieving people,
as hopeful and healing people.

We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

We gather today to proclaim
the mysteries of our faith
and our faith in the God of mystery.

We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

Come, let us gather for worship
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

Come, let us worship the God of life and love.

Opening Song Come As You Are *by The Many*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God who gave us life and death, you hold us in your hands.

You cradle us in our need, and you push us into growth.

We confess to you that all is not well, that we grieve the loss of many things and people. All is not well, and we hurt in part because we cannot make things better for ourselves, for those we love, or for the world. All is not well, and we find it easy to succumb to despair.

And so, O God, we pray for healing, and for strength, and for hope, and for grace to meet this day and this world. We pray to find you in the midst, and to be cradled by you once again. Hear now our silent prayer.

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 Isaiah 25:6-9

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

Sermon Defiant Hope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

All Saints Remembrance

In remembrance of the saints of Eastminster Presbyterian who joined the church triumphant since our last celebration of All Saints Day.

Elizabeth "Betty" Hall	February 12, 1927 - November 11, 2020
Glady Russell	October 2, 1926 - November 26, 2020
Douglas Hall	July 24, 1929 - December 8, 2020
Janice Hazlett	March 26, 1928 - December 29, 2020
Marie Peckham	June 6, 1918 - January 23, 2021
Bruce Doig	January 30, 1962 - May 2, 2021
William Fred Graham	October 31, 1930 - June 12, 2021
Sharon Reinhard	August 13, 1949 - August 29, 2021
Marjory Jean Graham	April 13, 1929 - September 10, 2021

In remembrance of the saints that Eastminster members submitted

Rod Yates Friend of Bob Walter and Maddy Trimby October 16, 2021

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...With all the saints of heaven, all the people of earth, and all creation, we sing your praise and join the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest!

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 #326 For All the Saints



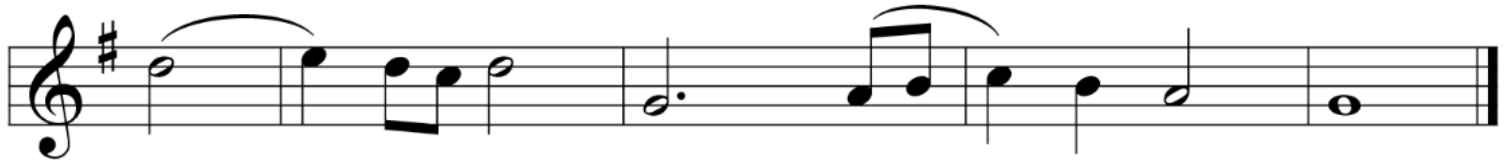
- 1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
- 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
- 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Mike Brown

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Worship Credits: The prayer of confession is by Beth Merrill Neel from holdfasttowhatisgood.com; The opening song is by The Many and used with permission; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Ushers

Head usher: Judy Dickinson; Dan Dickinson

Greeter

Sam O'Neill

Flowers

The flowers today are placed by Barb Dalzell with blessings to all.

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. 31 through Nov. 7

TODAY, 10/31

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

MONDAY, 11/1

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 11/2

Handbell Choir	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 11/3

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.

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THURSDAY, 11/4	
Cultured Purls	10:00 a.m.
30s/40s group	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 11/7	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:10 a.m.

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 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.

Advent House Lunch

For November, Community Life is taking on the preparation for the Advent house lunches and invites you to join them. On November 13th we are asking anyone who is willing and able to gather at the church for fellowship and to help pack the lunches. Contact Heather Myer for more information.

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:

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 Donations

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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