



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
November 14, 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

November 14, 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

L. By the waters of Babylon, there we wept when we remembered.

P. By the waters of the kitchen sink, there we wept.

*And on the living room couch, and in the empty school room,
and beside the makeshift dining room table office.*

L. How could we sing God's song in a strange land?

P. How could we sing God's song over Zoom?

L. By the waters of Babylon,

P. There we wept when we remembered.

L. We remembered that ancient rhythm of
separation and homecoming,

P. Exile and return, Going out and coming in.

L. You who are by the waters of Babylon: Come!

*P. From kitchens and home offices,
Sidewalks and parking lots, we come!*

L. You who remember and you who do not: Come!

*P. Sometimes remembering clearly,
Sometimes confused by nostalgia, we come!
By car and by computer, we come!*

L. God goes with every exile;

P. God rejoices with every return.

L. In Babylon and Jerusalem,
in strange lands and familiar rooms

***P. In sanctuaries and on screens,
In pews or chairs, couches or recliners,
Let us worship God!***

Hymn #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, being faithful has never been easy. You asked Noah to build a ship. You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile. You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths. You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you. And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to. Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark. Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans. Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves. Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

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 Jeremiah 29:1-14

Sermon A Future With Hope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith *from A Declaration of Faith*

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence

that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death,

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle

for victories over evil that are possible now

in the world, the church, and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy to contend

*against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.*

*Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.*

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 #372 *O For a World*

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: David Duryea

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Livestream: Heather Myer

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Ushers

Head usher: Barb Stowitts; Matt Nixon

Greeter

Linda Hardenbergh

Flowers

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

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:

Nov. 14 through Nov. 21

TODAY, 11/14

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:10 a.m.
Organ Recital	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 11/15

Trivia at Royal Scott 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 11/16

Bells 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11/17

Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

UKirk 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11/18

Cultured Purls 10:00 a.m.

30s/40s group 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 11/21

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education 11:10 a.m.

Adult Education Forum (Sundays at 11:10am)

Join us on Sunday's for a new adult education forum. 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.

Have you made plans for your 'stuff'? Where will it go when you go? During this last Sunday of Stewardship season, join Sam O'Neill, former development officer for the Presbyterian Foundation, after worship for Adult Education and a quick check-up on your plans for the inevitable distribution of your assets, both financial and tangible. Sam's presentation, "Getting on the Bus" is a fun way to address a subject that most would rather not discuss but need to.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanks to your help we now have volunteers to fill all of our Thanksgiving Baskets. You can come pick up the basket at the church. Please return the baskets on November 18th from 10am-4pm or November 19th from 4-6pm.

Stewardship and Pledges

Stewardship season is upon us. We invite you to join us in giving thanks for all the resources--spiritual, theological, physical and financial--that support the church's indispensable work. The Session is already working on the 2022 budget and we need your support so that we can be a source of hope, love and welcome in our community.

Pledge cards were mailed out and we have extra at the church. One side contains a prayer to use daily over the coming weeks. Please return the Pledge card by this Sunday, November 14th or fill it out online on the [website](#). THANK YOU for your generosity.



Young Organists Recital

Sunday, November 14th at 3pm
at
Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by the Mitchell Family

The recital will be live streamed to Eastminster's YouTube page.

Ways to help new Afghan arrivals...

Donations: Refugee Services at STVCC is collecting donations of household goods for new arrivals. You can go to their website: <https://stvcc.org/donating/in-kind-donations/> to see what they need and to check out their Amazon and Walmart wishlists. They also need financial donations to their Immigration Law Clinic, as all Afghan arrivals need to see a lawyer to gain status. You can go [here](#) to donate and designate your gift for the law clinic.

Volunteers: Refugee Services at STVCC seeks to pair up refugee families with a mentor to help them with cultural orientation. Learn more about volunteering by going here: <https://stvcc.org/services/refugee-services/getting-involved/>.

Tickets for "The Lion in Winter"

Eastminster has been providing rehearsal space for Starlight Dinner Theater's cast of "The Lion in Winter." As a thank you, they have given us several free tickets. If you are interested, let Bridgette know and she'll give them out first come, first serve.

Performances are Nov.12-13, 19-20, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The show features the clash between King Henry and Queen Eleanor over a Christmas holiday. The play is being directed by Richard Redman, Bridgette's husband.

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