



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
November 7, 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](http://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 7, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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## GATHERING

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

### **Call to Worship**

Our Creating God is present in this time.

*May our worship strengthen us to press on in faith.*

Christ is calling us.

*May our worship transform us to become more like Christ.*

God's Holy Spirit is at work.

*May our worship embolden us to live with courage and hope.*

**Hymn #14** For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*God of glory,*

*We want to be fountains of hope for others,  
but too often we are only hardened hearts.*

*We want to be transformed people,  
but too often our stubborn pride gets in the way.*

*We long to stand with those who are in need,  
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.*

*Forgive us, God who came down to us.*

*Humble us, that we might be servants to the broken and the lost.*

*Split open our frozen hearts,  
that our compassion might flow freely.*

*Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,  
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,  
into that kingdom of grace and hope.*

### **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**      Philippians 2:1-11

**Sermon**    A Future with Hope: Imitators of Christ

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Affirmation of Faith**    *from a Brief Statement of Faith*

*We trust in Jesus Christ,*

*Fully human, fully God.*

*Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:*

*preaching good news to the poor*

*and release to the captives,*

*teaching by word and deed*

*and blessing the children,*

*healing the sick*

*and binding up the brokenhearted,*

*eating with outcasts,*

*forgiving sinners,*

*and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,*

*Jesus was crucified,*

*suffering the depths of human pain*

*and giving his life for the sins of the world.*

*God raised this Jesus from the dead,*

*vindicating his sinless life,*

*breaking the power of sin and evil,*

*delivering us from death to life eternal.*

## 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](http://www.eastminsterchurch.org).)*)

### \*Hymn #767      *Together We Serve*



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)  
 B $\flat$  F E $\flat$  Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm F7 B $\flat$

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

## \*Charge & Benediction

### Postlude

#### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze



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**This Week at Eastminster:**

*Nov. 7 through Nov. 14*

**TODAY, 11/7**

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

**MONDAY, 11/8**

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
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**TUESDAY, 11/9**

Session	7:00 p.m.
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**WEDNESDAY, 11/10**

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

**THURSDAY, 11/11**

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

**SATURDAY, 11/13**

Advent House Packing	8:00 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.
Doug & Betty Hall Memorial Service	2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, 11/14**

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

This week we will watch and discuss together Austin Channing Brown's theology talk titled "The Double-Sided Pursuit of Racial Justice." We will hear a piece of the story of her name, and consider the implications of the theological challenges she issues the Church to engage as followers of Jesus Christ.

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

We have committed to providing Thanksgiving food baskets for 10 families. **We still need two more baskets.** 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](http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/ThanksgivingBaskets)

## **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.



## **Young Organists Recital**

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

*Sponsored by the Mitchell Family*

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