



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
September 10, 2023**



“Everyone longs to be loved  
and to know that they are  
lovable. The greatest thing  
we can do is to help them  
know they are loved and  
capable of loving.”

-Fred Rogers

# 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.

Masks are available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.

Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew or sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary.



Hymn books and Bibles can be found under the pews.

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.

*\* 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

September 10, 2023

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.*

### Threshold Moment

### Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #692** Spirit, Open My Heart

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Creator God, we confess  
to a dire lack of love  
for our neighbor, our enemy,  
and even, especially, ourselves.  
And we confess that by not loving  
as you have loved  
we fail to love you.  
Give us eyes that see your image  
in each of your children,  
and hearts that love others*

*not as we wish they were  
but as you have made them to be.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #188** Jesus Loves Me!

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

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

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Children's Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 139:1-18

**Sermon** I Like You Just the Way You Are

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**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.***

**\*Hymn #488** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*This week we invite you to tell someone they are special just the way they are.*

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Josh Vermaas

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

**Worship Credits:** Prayer of Confession by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett; CVLI License to stream video clip; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon

**Greeter**

Bruce Augenstein

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of John and Judy 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

## **This Week at Eastminster:**

*Sept. 10 through Sept. 17, 2023*

### **SUNDAY, 9/10**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
All Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Deacon Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Lansing Matinee Concert	3:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 9/11**

CCR Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 9/12**

Chorale Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 9/13**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

### **THURSDAY, 9/14**

UKirk Dinner & Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, 9/17**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

**Thank You from the Deacons!** A big thank you to everyone who provided wonderful baked goods this summer for Fellowship after worship! They were delicious and enjoyed by all!

**All Church Lunch:** Stay after worship today to have lunch and to continue to explore our theme of “You are Loved Exactly as You Are” from Mister Rogers Neighborhood.

**Bible Studies:** This week our Bible Studies begin again. Wednesdays at 8:00am is the Men’s Bible Study and breakfast led by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O’Neill. Wednesdays at 10:30am is a second Bible study, open to anyone led by Rev. Kristin Stroble. Both group study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. You can join them by zoom or in person at the church.

**Women's Retreat:** Eastminster is participating in a joint Women's Retreat with The Peoples Church. The retreat will be at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on Friday, September 22 and Saturday September 23rd. Join us for conversation, fellowship and worship. The presenter is Shannon Craigo-Snell, a Presbyterian minister and Professor of Theology at Louisville Seminary. The theme is Serving God with our Whole Selves. The cost is \$120 single occupancy or \$105 (per person) double occupancy. If you would like to register contact the church office ([office@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:office@eastminsterchurch.org)). Scholarships are available upon request.

**Green Room Piano:** Eastminster is looking to give the beautiful piano that lives in the Green Room to a new home. Are you interested? Do you know someone who is interested? Please contact the church office for more information.



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