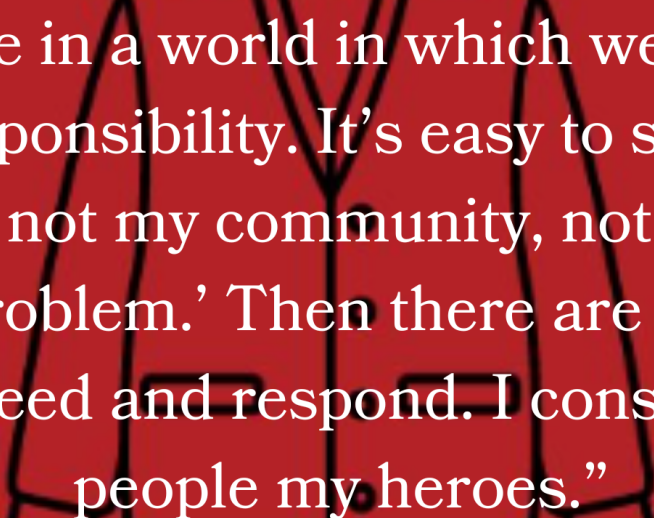




# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
September 17, 2023**



“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It’s easy to say ‘It’s not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.’ Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.”

-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 17, 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** Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors

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

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

*Holy God, you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But, if we are honest, we know that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### **\*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** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**Hymn #306** Blest Be The Tie That Binds (vs. 1)

*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.*

**Scripture Reading** 1 John 4:7-21

**Sermon** Won't You Be My Neighbor?

## **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 #761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Pay attention this week to who is in your neighborhood.*

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Heather Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown and Susan Smalley

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Tom Hardenbergh

**Greeter**

Elaine Cable

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given in honor of Irv Nichols on his 99th birthday.

**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. 17 through Sept. 24, 2023*

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

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Worship                    | 10:00 a.m. |
| Fellowship                 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Intergenerational Activity | 11:15 a.m. |
| Community Bell Rehearsal   | 4:00 p.m.  |

### **MONDAY, 9/18**

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| Quintet Rehearsal    | 1:00 p.m. |
| CCR Bell Rehearsal   | 6:00 p.m. |
| Trivia at Royal Scot | 7:00 p.m. |

### **TUESDAY, 9/19**

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| Chorale Ensemble Rehearsal | 10:00 a.m. |
| UKirk Board Meeting        | 6:15 p.m.  |
| Faith Formation Meeting    | 7:30 p.m.  |

### **WEDNESDAY, 9/20**

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| Men's Bible Study     | 8:00 a.m.  |
| Bible Study           | 10:30 a.m. |
| Community Connections | 7:00 p.m.  |

### **THURSDAY, 9/21**

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

### **FRIDAY, 9/22 - SATURDAY, 9/23**

Women's Retreat

### **SUNDAY, 9/24**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Worship                    | 10:00 a.m. |
| Fellowship                 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Intergenerational Activity | 11:15 a.m. |
| Community Bell Rehearsal   | 4:00 p.m.  |

*Bridgette will be out of the office Sept. 20-21.*

**Who is Our Neighbor?** After worship join us in the Green Room as we consider together who is our neighbor? Participants will have two choices 1) Go on a neighborhood walk to observe, learn and/or meet and greet

neighbors along the way 2) Remain in the Green Room and watch and discuss some of the work of Presbyterian minister Fred Rogers of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. This is for all ages!

**Bible Studies:** Our Bible Studies have begun 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 groups study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. You can join them by Zoom or in person at the church.

**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.

***Back By Popular Demand! Homemade Baked Goods During Fellowship Hour:*** Fall is a perfect season to fill your kitchen with the warm scents of spices and baked goods! Please consider volunteering to bring 4 dozen baked goods or cookies for Sunday Fellowship after worship. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex for Sundays in October and November. Thank you from the Deacons.



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