



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 24, 2025



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.



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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it

confidential.

There are offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

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

August 24, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

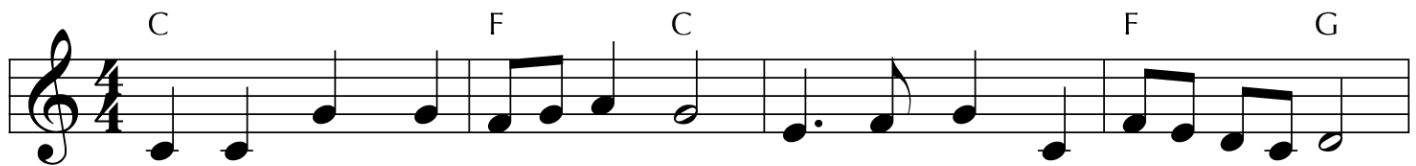
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Call to Worship

***Hymn #19** God of Great and God of Small

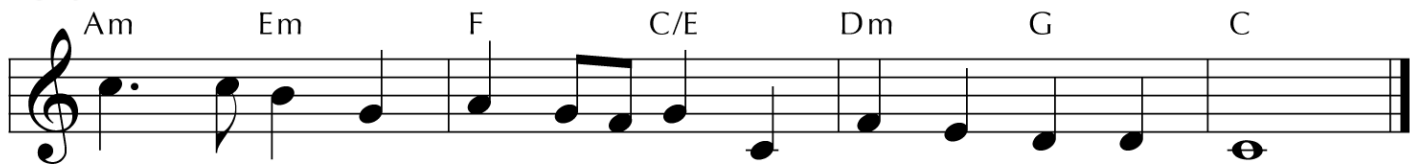


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*God of mystery and wonder,
 forgive us for thinking we can contain you and control you.
 We confess that we forget who you are -
 a God of delightful surprise and deep belly laughs.
 Forgive us for assuming you are distant,
 and for forgetting you know what it's like to be in our skin.
 You are bigger than what we can imagine,
 and still you know every trial and temptation we face.
 Revive our imaginations,
 restore our childlike faith,
 and renew us with wonder and joy,
 all for your name's sake. Amen.*

*Silent Confession

*Words of Forgiveness

*Sung Response #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Pastoral Prayer & The 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.

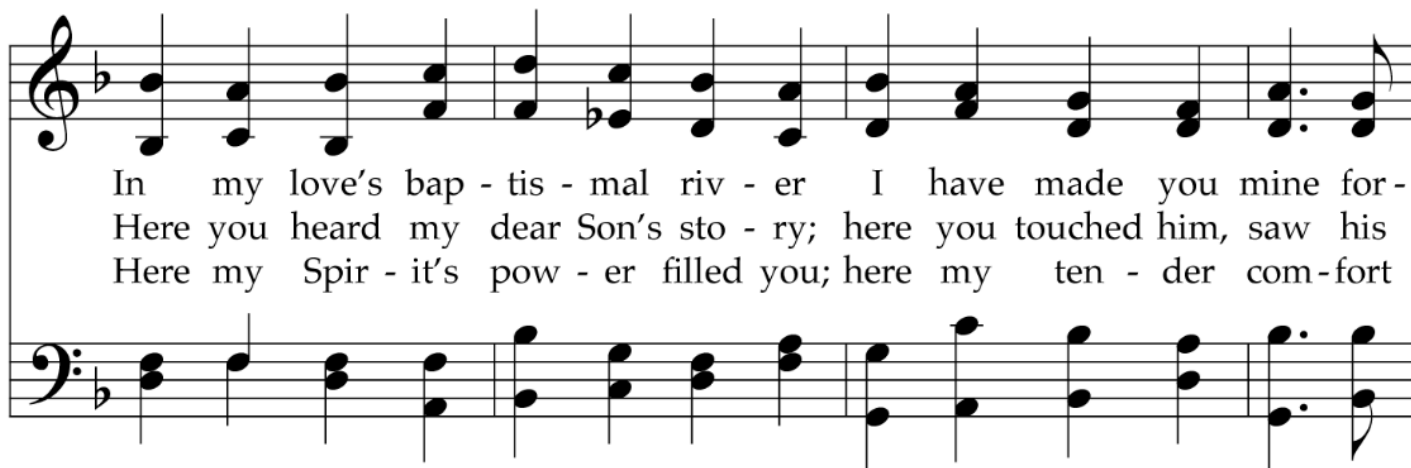
***Hymn #547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Charlotte Smith

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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This Week at Eastminster: *August 24 to Aug. 31*

SUNDAY, 8/24

Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m.

Congregational Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Cookout 11:15 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 8/25

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 8/27

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 8/28

20s/30s/40s Gathering

7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8/31

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:15 a.m.

Advent House

The next Advent House meal will be served on Sept. 13. This month's meal is spaghetti pie. Pans, recipes and the sign-up sheet are in the Narthex.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a special congregational meeting for today immediately following worship to elect an officer and to inform the congregation about a building contract.

Kick-Off Sunday

On Sunday, September 7th we will officially kick off our school year and our confirmation class. Mark your calendars and we will give more information soon.

Bible Studies

We have two Bible studies that meet on Wednesdays and study the scripture passages that Kristin will be preaching on. The Men's Bible Study meets at 8am and you can join them in-person or on zoom. The Wednesday Bible study meets at 10:30am also in hybrid format (in-person or zoom). Both Bible studies will resume on September 10th.

Per Capita

Per capita is an annual per member apportionment that is used to support the work of our connectional church. The work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is only possible because we all share in that support. This year's per capita rate is \$42 per member. If you haven't paid yours yet, there's still time. Make sure when you donate you mark your envelope or online donation "per capita."



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You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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