



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 31, 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 31, 2025

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

One: Gathered to worship God,

ALL: we are all right where we belong.

One: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

ALL: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

One: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

ALL: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

*Hymn #714 God of the Fertile Fields

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

*We are always uncomfortable, Watching God,
when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.*

*We can be so proper, so good, so well-off,
that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor.
We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day,
that we forget to do good when we have the chance.*

Forgive us, Welcoming God.

*Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility
that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus,
our Lord and Savior,
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,*

the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

***Silent Confession**

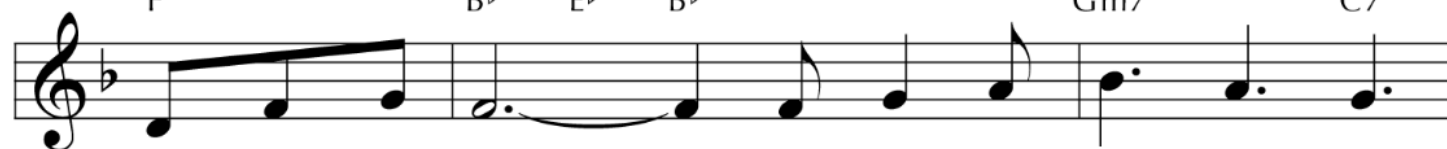
***Words of Forgiveness**

***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, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

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



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ 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, ♪ 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

Scripture Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14 New Testament, p. 72

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** *from Philippians 2:5-11*

*Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.*

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 #769** For Everyone Born

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Robin Bell

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Worship Credits: The prayer of confession is by Thom Shuman; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Brenda Ramsby

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Greeter

Barb Stowitts

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh

Fellowship

Sacha Roenecke and Estelle McGroarty

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, DMA

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *August 31 to Sept. 7*

SUNDAY, 8/31

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/1 Labor Day/Office Closed

TUESDAY, 9/2

Infrastructure Meeting 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/3

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/4

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9/7

Worship 10:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch & Youth Gathering 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.

Kick-Off Sunday

On Sunday, September 7th we will officially kick off our school year and our confirmation class. We will have an all-church lunch in the Green Room and then the youth will go downstairs to begin their programming. Adults and children will remain in the Green Room to learn about the many groups and activities we'll have happening in the life of the church this Fall.

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.



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