



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
September 21, 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 plate during the offering. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it

confidential.

There is an offering time during the worship service. You can also give online on our website or by 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

September 21, 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: We have come to worship God, the Living God,

ALL: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the Almighty God,

***ALL: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt
with the power of God.***

One: We have come to worship God, All-Gracious God,

***ALL: Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.***

*Hymn #401 Here in This Place

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

*We confess that too often we are hesitant to proclaim what we
believe and instead seek safe opportunities to speak of our faith.*

*We confess that we are too often half-hearted in our service;
reluctant to stand out from the crowd.*

*We confess that we live as if we are dependent wholly on ourselves;
relying on our resources, perceived skills, and insights.*

***We confess that too often we look to the clouds for our inspiration,
instead of seeing you right here in our midst.
Forgive us and open wide our hearts and minds
to the movement of your Spirit,
urging us to participate in the life and suffering of our world,
as did your Son, Jesus Christ.***

***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 \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

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

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (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 Sermon

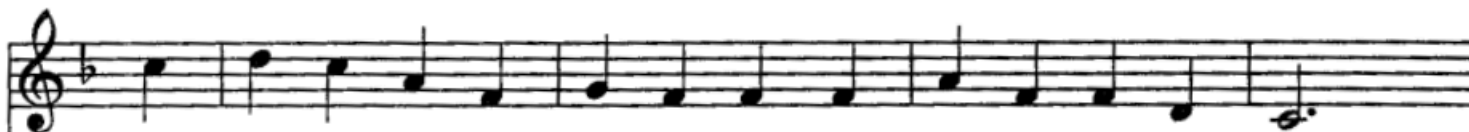
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:15-18

Hymn Wherever I May Wander



1. Wher - ev - er I may wan-der, Wher - ev - er I may be,
2. Through-out the whole cre - a - tion I see God's lov - ing care



I'm cer-tain of my Mak-er's love; God's care is o - ver me.
For ev - ery-one in ev - ery land, God's chil-dren ev - ery - where.



God made the great high moun-tains, And made the wide blue sea;
Wher - ev - er I may wan - der, Wher - ev - er I may be,



God made the sky where air-planes fly; God made the world, and me.
I'm cer - tain of my Mak-er's love; God's care is o - ver me.

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-11

Sermon Where Do We Go From Here?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Offering of Resources and Prayer

Financial offerings support the ministry and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. You can also place prayer requests (cards are in the pew pads) in the offering plate.

***Doxology #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

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 #295 Go to the World!**

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jimmie R Hawkins

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Saxophone Quartet: Curtis Holland, Irene Wang, Ethan Delbeke, Nathan Lamoreaux

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Usher

Head Usher: Sacha Roennecke

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Bob Nees in memory of Mary K Hodges-Nees

Greeter

Emmanuel Yewah

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh

Fellowship

Jason Giddings

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

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Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *Sept. 21-28*

SUNDAY, 9/21

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Faith Formation

11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/22

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9/23

Chorale Ensemble

11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/24

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering

6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/25

30s/40s Gathering

7:00 p.m.

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Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Kelly Cleary Memorial

11:15 a.m.

Today we welcome Rev. Jimmie R Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness. Rev. Hawkins is in town for the Jesus and Justice Young Adult Advocacy Conference which is taking place at First Presbyterian, Lansing this Friday through Sunday.

Faith Formation

Today after worship and fellowship the children will go downstairs with Neil Myer for their class and the adults and youth will gather in the Green Room to learn more about PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness.

Kelly Cleary Memorial

Kelly Cleary's memorial service will be Sunday, September 28th after worship. Please hold the Cleary family in your prayers.

Bible Studies

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

Sunday Faith Formation

This Fall we are starting a new schedule for after-worship Faith Formation. The first Sunday of the month will be an all-church lunch and then the youth (grades 6-12) will gather. The third Sunday of the month will be separate education times for adults and children (grades 5 and under).

Dinner with the Islamic Center

On Wednesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. join us at Eastminster for a dinner with the Islamic Center. We will get to know each other over a meal and then Pastor Kristin and the Imam will each share about pilgrimage before taking questions. If you plan to attend please sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Walk. Give. Change the World.



CROP HUNGER WALK

Eastminster is participating in this year's Crop Walk on Sunday, October 12th. If you'd like to walk sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office. You can donate online at our website or by putting money in the offering plate, labeling it "Crop Walk"



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.

You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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