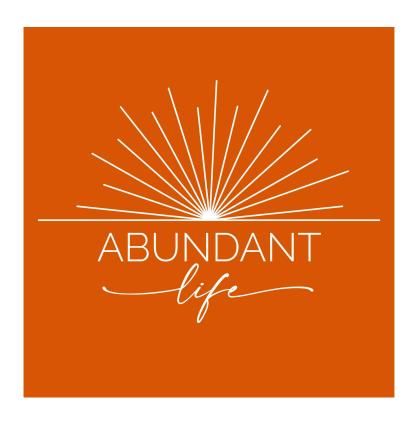


Service for the Lord's Day September 28, 2025



#### **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 28, 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: Loving God, you care for the world, day in and day out.

ALL: Open our hearts, that we may care with you.

One: Compassionate God, you heal the world, day in and day out.

ALL: Open our eyes that we may heal and repair with you.

One: Merciful God, you forgive the world, calling us back to you,

day in and day out.

ALL: Open our minds, that we may forgive ourselves

and each other with you.

One: You made us in your image: caring, compassionate, forgiving.

ALL: Let us become who we are, walking with you, day in and day out.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

ALL: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

#### \*Call to Confession

# \*Prayer of Confession

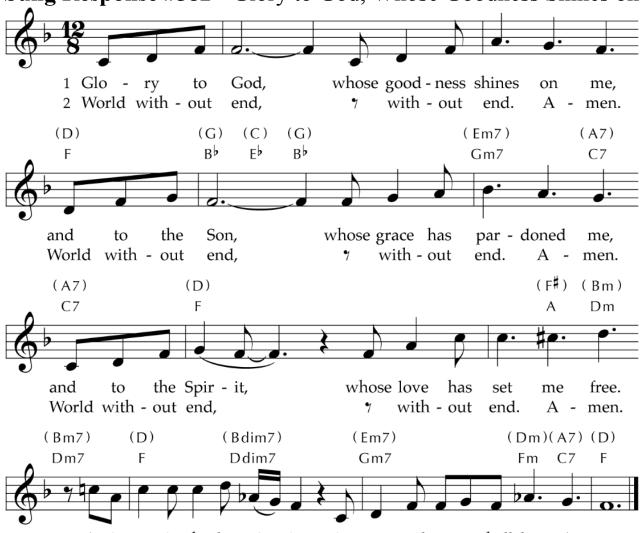
Compassionate Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to

have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

#### \*Silent Confession

## \*Words of Forgiveness

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



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

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## Children's Message

# **Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Old Testament, pp. 474-475

**Scripture Reading** John 10:1-10 New Testament, pp 97-98

**Sermon** Abundant Life is Filled with Compassion

### **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 #187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

### \*Charge & Benediction

#### \*Postlude

# Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Sara Weeden Children's Message: Robin Bell

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

<u>Worship Credits:</u> The prayer of confession is adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mindi on her blog Rev-o-lution; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

#### **Usher**

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

#### **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by the Merchant family in memory of Dave Merchant

#### <u>Greeter</u>

Jan Coye

# Video Producer

Susan Smalley

### **Fellowship**

**Emmanuel Yewah** 

# **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: Sept. 28-Oct. 5

**SUNDAY, 9/28** 

Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Kelly Cleary Memorial 11:15 a.m.

**MONDAY, 9/29** 

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 9/30** 

Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/1

Men's Bible Study

Bible Study

Dinner with Islamic Center

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/2

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

**SUNDAY, 10/5** 

Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. All-church lunch & Confirmation 11:15 a.m.

### **Kelly Cleary Memorial**

Kelly Cleary's memorial service will be today after worship.

#### **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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