



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
September 7, 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 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 7, 202510:00 a.m.

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**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

**\*Call to Worship**

One: No matter who you are or where you come from, you are welcome

***ALL: Because in holy love, we're wholly loved.***

One: No matter how many mistakes you make, you are forgiven.

***ALL: Because in holy love, we're wholly loved.***

One: No matter what your past holds or future presents, you are  
accepted.

***ALL: Because in holy love, we're wholly loved.***

One: We are all children of God.

***ALL: Because in holy love, we're wholly loved.***

**\*Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Loving God, sometimes we forget how deeply we are loved. We hide who we really are. We hurt others with our words or our silence. We let fear keep us from loving like Jesus did. Forgive us. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. Shape us into people who love boldly, forgive freely, and live as your children - wholly loved by your holy love. 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, ♪ 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 1 John 4:7-21

New Testament, pp. 226-227

Sermon Holy Love, Wholly Loved

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## **Time of Reflection**

## **Ordination & Installation of Officers**

## **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. During this time we invite you to reflect and offer to God your response to this question: What are some ways you have experienced God's love this week?"*

## **\*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**

## **Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and 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.*

## **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward may be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten free.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn #300** We Are One in the Spirit

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leaders: Heather Heitman, Scarlett Heitman, Lacy Myer, Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

**Worship Credits:** The liturgy is from the 2025 Massanetta Middle School Conference; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

**Usher**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

**Flowers**

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

**Greeter**

Mary Lou Clifton

**Video Producer**

Heather Myer

**Fellowship**

Beverly Bonning

**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. 7 to Sept. 14*

**SUNDAY, 9/7**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch and Youth Gathering	11:00 a.m.
<b>MONDAY, 9/8</b>	
Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, 9/9</b>	
Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Session Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, 9/10</b>	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY, 9/11</b>	
20s/30s/40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, 9/13</b>	
Advent House	8:30 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 9/14 Centsability</b>	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 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**

Today, we officially kick off our school year and our confirmation class. Join us for an all-church lunch in the Green Room. The youth will go downstairs while everyone else remains in the Green Room to learn about the many groups and activities we'll have this Fall.

### **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) and resume on Sept. 10/ The Men's Bible Study meets at 8am. The Wednesday Bible study meets at 10:30am.



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