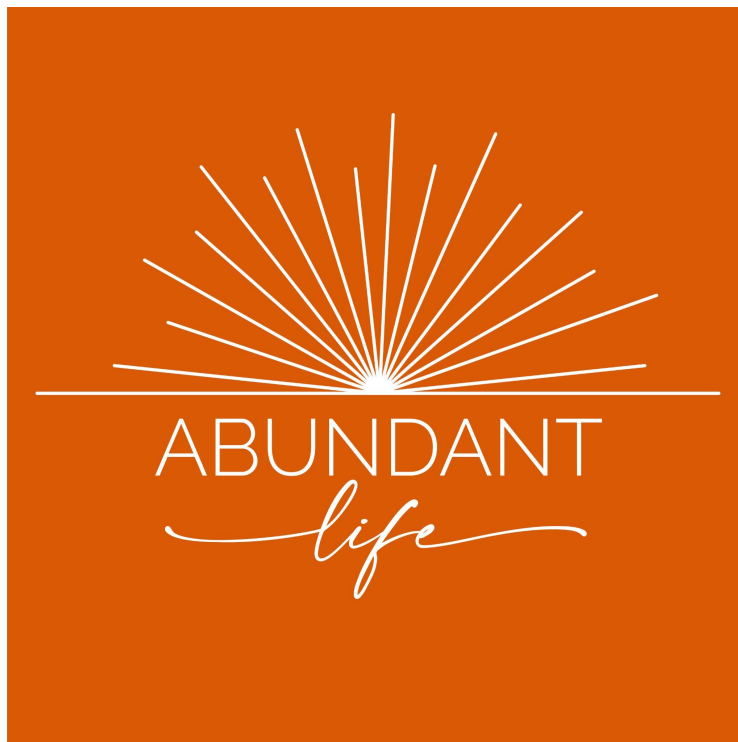




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
October 19, 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

October 19, 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: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: *Welcome to this place of love and grace,*

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: *God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,*

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: *We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.*

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*Hymn #694 Great God of Every Blessing

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

*We are hesitant to confess, Holy God,
how hard it is to love as you wish.*

*It is easy to love you with all that we are,
except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.*

*We find it hard to love our neighbor,
when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.*

*And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—
more than we love ourselves.*

Forgive us, Love Eternal.

*As you took a risk in creating us,
 help us to take risks to love others compassionately,
 to love ourselves genuinely,
 and to love you as completely as you love us
 in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

***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 Sermon

Stewardship Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 10:1-18 *(The Message)* New Testament, pp. 97-98

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-40 New Testament, p. 24

Sermon Abundant Life is Filled with Love

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Offering of Resources, Prayer, and Pledge Cards

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 #697** Take My Life

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Patsy King

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Usher

Head Usher: Sacha Roenneke

Flowers

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

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh

Fellowship

Jeff Lapinski

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: Oct. 19-Oct. 26

SUNDAY, 10/19

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Children/Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/20

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10/21

Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

UKirk Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/22

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Chili Dinner and Game Night with UKirk 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/23

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 10/26

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Bridgette will be out of the office from Monday through Wednesday.

Stewardship

Today is Stewardship Sunday. Please turn in your pledge cards by placing them in the offering plate or filling it out online on our website:

www.eastminsterchurch.org.

Faith Formation

Today after worship the children will meet downstairs with Neil Myer to prepare for the Kids Lead Worship Service. Adults will meet in the Green Room and hear about planned giving from Sam O'Neill.

Battery and Bulb Day

Our annual Battery and Bulb day is scheduled for October 30th. Our plan is to replace all the bulbs in the sanctuary light fixtures as well as all the batteries in the restrooms. We need anyone who can climb ladders or crawl under sinks. See Norm Mackay for more details.



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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