



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 26, 2025



— ALL SAINTS' —
SUNDAY —

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 26, 202510:00 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 gather today to remember
the saints who have gone before us
and the saints who still surround us.

ALL: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

One: We gather today as bereaved and grieving people,
as hopeful and healing people.

ALL: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

One: We gather today to proclaim
the mysteries of our faith
and our faith in the God of mystery.

ALL: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.

One: Come, let us gather for worship
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

ALL: Come, let us worship the God of life and love.

***Hymn #366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners –*

*full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.
 Perhaps You see us simply as human –
 as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
 In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,
 and bless the good we have accomplished.
 Keep on loving us, and helping us,
 and molding us more and more into the image of Christ,
 in whose name we pray. Amen.*

***Silent Confession**

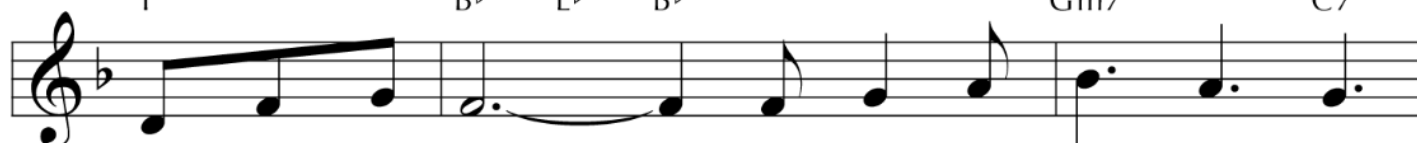
***Words of Forgiveness**

***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 $\flat$ 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#) (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 Matthew 5:1-12 New Testament, p. 4

Special Music Ave Verum W.A. Mozart

Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9-17 New Testament p. 235

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Remembrance of the Saints

Eternal God,
our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
*we praise you for the saints of all times and places
who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.*
For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice,
for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance,
we give you thanks and praise.

Hymn #731, Verse 1

*Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak:
the strong, who once were weak!*

God of all creation,
*we praise you for all your servants
who have witnessed to your truth,
who have shown us your love,
who have inspired us to have hope.*

By their example of faith, hope, and love,
remind us of your calling to join in making
your new creation real in this world and the next.

Hymn #731, Verse 2

*Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.*

God of grace and peace,
we praise you for all those
who reflect your love into our world.
Guide us to continue their faithful work
as we too walk in the light of your love.

Hymn #731, Verse 3

*Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own:
God's love through them is known.*

God of all saints,
today we especially remember the saints
from among this church community
who have departed our company over the past year.

In remembrance of the saints of Eastminster Presbyterian who joined the church triumphant since our last celebration of All Saints Day.

Mary Jo Shankland	January 19, 1928 - January 5, 2025
Thelma Hadden	February 3, 1931 - February 15, 2025
Elaine Cable	September 23, 1937 - May 26, 2025
Margaret Pearson	October 11, 1933 - July 29, 2025
Edmund "Ted" Hagan	April 12, 1930 - August 9, 2025
David Arthur Merchant	September 18, 1930 - August 24, 2025
Nancy Jean Lott Hunter	January 20, 1939 - August 27, 2025

We thank you for their faithful witness
for their courage amidst strife
and their hope in the face of death.

We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us,
and we name those who were loved by members of this community

Elizabeth Joanne Stein, relative of Suzanne Hunt
Sharon Verral, sister-in-law of Barbara Stowitts
Darrell Chadwell, friend of Bruce Augenstein
Otho Otte, son of Grace Otte
Don Aschom, former Eastminster member
Kelly Cleary, grandson of Bill and Maxine Cleary

and we leave silence for those unnamed
and those known only to you.

Eternal God,
as we walk this pilgrim way,
make our faith firm,
our hope clear,
and our love pure,

that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #731, Verse 4

*Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.*

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 #326** For All the Saints

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Special Music: Sulin Campbell, Jim Engelkes, Sara Weeden

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Worship Credits: The prayer of confession is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Flowers

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

Greeter

Norm Altemeier

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

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Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *Oct. 26-Nov. 2*

SUNDAY, 10/26

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/27

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10/28

Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/29

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

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/30

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 11/2

Ted Hagan's Memorial Service 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 11/2 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch and Youth Gathering 11:15 a.m.

Kids Lead Worship

Join us next Sunday as our children and youth lead us in worship!

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.

All-Church Lunch

Join us next Sunday, November 2nd for an all-church lunch after worship.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 2nd.

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is Saturday, November 8th. Please sign up to make a casserole in the narthex. Thank you for your help!

UKirk Trivia Night

UKirk's biannual fundraiser will take place on Friday, November 14th at 7pm at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. You can sign up to be on Eastminster's team and play (cost is \$20 per player), donate to the dessert auction, or sponsor a table for the event (cost is \$120). See Norm Mackay or Pastor Kristin for more information.



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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