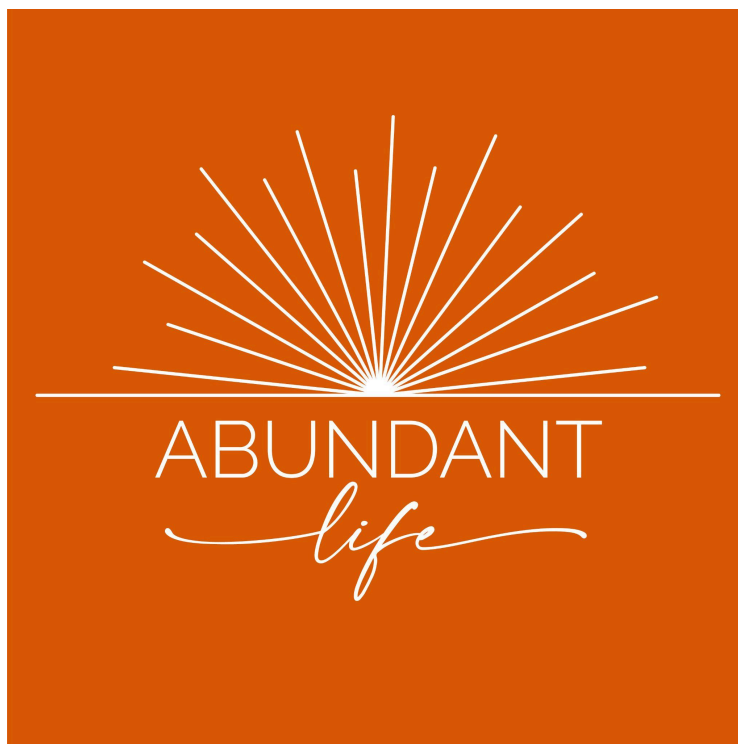




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 5, 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 5, 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: God of grace, in the beginning, you gathered us into community,

ALL: *For as you said, "It is not good that the human being
should be alone!"*

One: God of freedom, in the exodus, you gathered us into community,

ALL: *For you heard the cry of our groaning, our desire for new life!*

One: God of love, at Pentecost, you gathered us into community,

ALL: *For you gave birth to the church!*

One: And this morning, we give thanks
that you gather us into community,

ALL: *A community of abundant life: of grace, of freedom, and of love.*

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

ALL: *Let us worship God!*

***Hymn #308** O God in Whom All Life Begins

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Creator God,

*We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves,
to live like we belong to one another.*

And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind.

*Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us.
 Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation.
 Forgive us for assuming that you being with us
 means you can't be with others too.
 Our gaze has been too narrow.
 Open our hearts.
 Expand our understanding.
 Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world.
 Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation.
 With hope in our hearts 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, 7 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, 7 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, 7 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 John 10:1-18

Common English Bible

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

New Testament, p. 199

Sermon

Abundant Life is Found in Community

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**

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 #526** Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Jim Artabasy

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Worship Credits: The prayer of confession is from A Sanctified Art; 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: *Oct. 5-Oct. 12*

SUNDAY, 10/5

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch & Confirmation	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/6

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 10/7

Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Infrastructure Meeting	6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/8

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/9

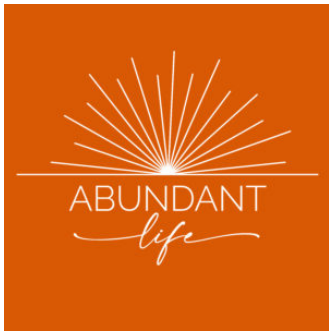
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SATURDAY, 10/11

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 10/12 Centsability

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.
Crop Walk	1:00 p.m.
LMM Recital	3:00 p.m.



Stewardship

Pledge cards were mailed this week. Extras will be available in the Narthex. Put it somewhere you'll see it every day — and when you do, pray the prayer printed on it. Then bring it to worship on October 19th when we'll joyfully and beautifully celebrate our mission of creating life-changing community in an often lonely, disheartened,

fragmented world. You can also fill out your pledge card on our website:

www.eastminsterchurch.org.



Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

Every fall, the Peace & Global Witness Offering extends an invitation to join people of faith from around the country and the world for A Season of Peace, a pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration and education that invites you to consider your own relationship to peacemaking and justice.

You can give in Sunday's offering or donate online [here](#).

World Communion

Today is World Communion Sunday. This day is observed on the first Sunday of October to celebrate Christian unity and diversity worldwide, bringing Christians together from different cultures and denominations at the table of the Lord's Supper. The observance was first started by Presbyterians in the 1930s and was later adopted by other denominations like Methodists and the United Church of Christ.

Thank you to Linda Hardenbergh for setting up our communion table.

Advent House

This Saturday we will be serving our monthly meal at Advent House. The sign-up sheet and pans are in the Narthex. Please bring your meal to the church during office hours on Thursday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or by 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

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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