



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

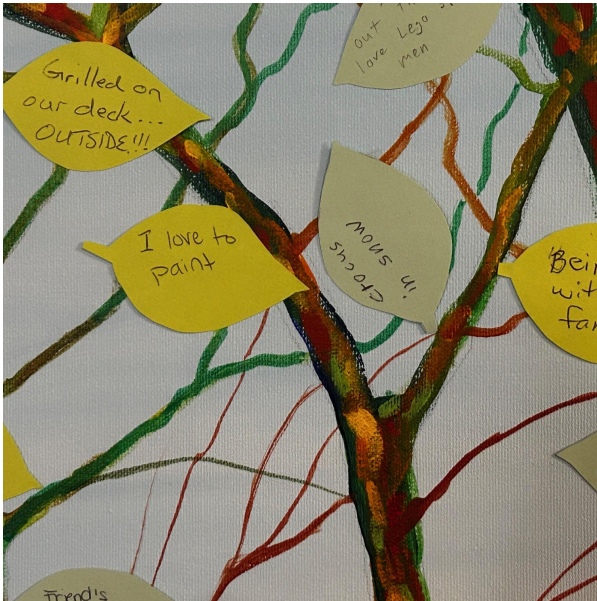
Service for the Lord's Day
April 26, 2026



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.

In the pew racks there 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

April 26, 2026

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 #11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we have failed you.

We have not loved as you have loved.

*We have looked at the face of your beloved
and scoffed, ridiculed, blamed and hurt.*

*We have refused to see your presence in others,
simply because they look, speak, act, believe, or love
differently than we do.*

Open our hearts to the fullness of you.

Open our hearts, that we may see through your eyes.

*Break us open, Lord, to see as you see and love as you love.
Let love become the tool with which we heal.
Hear now our silent confessions.*

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

***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 Galatians 3:23-29

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-2

Sermon Us & Them

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** from the Belhar Confession
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation

*is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God
and with one another.*

*We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ.*

*We believe that,
through the working of God's Spirit,
it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain.*

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
racks) 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**

Prayers of the People & 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 #754 Help Us Accept Each Other**

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elijah Solomon

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Video Producer

Susan Smalley

Fellowship

Sue Kalvonjian

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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: *April 26-May 3*

SUNDAY, 4/26

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Youth Gathering	11:15 a.m.
MONDAY, 4/27	
Girl Scout Troop Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 4/28	
LMM Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 4/29	
Men's Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
THURSDAY, 4/30	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 5/2	
Rev. Jeff O'Neill Visitation	10:00 a.m.
Rev. Jeff O'Neill Memorial Service	11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, 5/3	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
All Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.

New (temporary) office hours

The church office administrator, Bridgette, is out on medical leave. During this time, there will be reduced office hours, which will be covered by volunteers: Monday, 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill

We will give thanks for Jeff's life and celebrate the promise of resurrection on Saturday, May 2, at Eastminster. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 a.m., the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., and a lunch will follow. The service will be live-streamed. If you are willing to help with the service, please talk to Heather Myer. You can sign up to bring cookies in the narthex.

All Church Lunch

On Sunday, May 3, after worship we will have an all church lunch. Sign up to bring a casserole or salad in the narthex. On that Sunday the youth will also be collecting money to help pay for their summer youth conferences.



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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