



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
May 3, 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

May 3, 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: Here we are, the young and old,

ALL: The believing and doubting,

One: The weak and strong,

ALL: The saints and sinners.

One: Here we are and here God is, almighty and merciful,

ALL: Gracious and just, trustworthy and true.

One: As one body, let us worship God.

*Hymn #475 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess that we divide ourselves in ways you never intended. We have allowed political, theological, and social walls to separate us from our neighbors. We claim to follow your ways and yet prioritize our own comfort and opinion. We see the splinter in someone else's eye, but not the log in our own. Remind us that we who are many are also one body. All of us are sinners. All of us are saints. Forgive us for not seeing each and every one of us as your good creation.

*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 1 Timothy 1:12-17

New Testament, p. 196

Sermon Saint & Sinner

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 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**

Hymn #507 Come to the Table of Grace

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 #634** To God Be the Glory

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Susan Smalley

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist and Euphonium: Seth Lambert

Communion Servers: Jason Giddings, Jeff Lapinski, Norm Mackay, Dave Duryea

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Usher

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

Greeter

Sarah and Elizabeth Weeden

Video Producer

Heather Myer

Fellowship

Beverly Bonning

Flowers

The flowers are given in memory of Jeff O'Neill from his family.

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: *May 3-May 10*

SUNDAY, 5/3

Worship 10:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 5/4

Girl Scout Troop Meeting 4:30 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

Queer Heart Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 5/5 Election Day

LMM Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

Infrastructure 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5/6

LMM Concert 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 5/7

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 5/9

Advent House

8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 5/10

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Kristin will be out of the office from May 5 to May 23. Neil will be out of the office May 7-10.

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.

All-Church Lunch

Join us after worship today for an all-church lunch. The youth will be collecting money to help pay for their summer youth conferences.

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is this Saturday, May 9th. We still need a few more people to sign up to make casseroles. Thank you for your help.

Centsability

Next Sunday, May 10th, we will be collecting the centsability offering. This is an offering of loose change that we collect once a month to give to organizations that feed people.



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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