



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
July 5, 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](http://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

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

### \*Call to Worship *based on Psalm 96*

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**ALL:** *sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

One: Declare God's glory among the nations;

**ALL:** *tell all the people of God's marvelous works.*

One: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

**ALL:** *God will judge the peoples with equity.*

One: Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn We Trust the One Who Brought to Life

# A Paraphrase of Psalm 146

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2026

Tune: KINGSFOLD

Meter: CMD

Music: *English County Songs, 1893*

Em      C      G/B      D      G      Am C      Dsus4 D

We trust the One who brought to life the earth, the sky and sea,  
Trust not the pass - ing breath of those whose voi - ces roar and rage,  
God keeps the faith when lead - ers scheme to si - lence and op - press.  
To you O God, we lift our praise; for you, our hearts a - rise;

5      Em      Am D      G/B      D      G      Am      Em

who au - thors ev - 'ry breath we breathe, and holds e - ter - ni - ty.  
who think them - selves a - bove re - proach, who rise in ev - 'ry age.  
God sets the pris - 'ners free in love and raise - s the di - stressed.  
in you, we mor - tals place our trust; with you, we name the lies:

10      Gmaj7/B      Em      Am      Em      G      /B      C      Dsus4 D

Though i - dols tempt at ev - 'ry turn, to God a - lone we sing.  
Bear fruits that praise our Li - ving Lord, whose reign en - dures a - lone.  
God watch - es o - ver strang - ers' ways, up - holds the bruised and bent,  
the lies of vio - lence, greed, and fear, the lie of scar - ci - ty.

15      Csus2      Am      G      D      G      /B C      Am      Em

We train our hearts to seek and serve the just - ice God will bring.  
Though mor - tals die and turn to dust, our God is on the throne.  
and brings to ru - in wick - ed ones, 'till all their pow'r is spent.  
In you, we find the truth of life, the truth that sets us free.

## **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

One: Gracious One, where do we begin? You call us to do justice,

**ALL:** *and we explain that justice is complicated.*

One: You ask us to love mercy,

**ALL:** *and we counter that a show of strength is necessary.*

One: You invite us to walk humbly with you,

**ALL:** *and we struggle to recognize you in our neighbors,  
in the dispossessed, in the poor and hungry places  
of our own hearts.*

One: We confess that we have failed to summon  
the courage and compassion required by your call

**ALL:** *We have treated hospitality as an option, kinship as a choice,  
instead of the center of our life together.*

One: We have claimed your name, yet rejected your way.

**ALL:** *Forgive us, we pray.*

## **\*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** Psalm 145:8-14 Old Testament, p. 549

**Scripture Reading** Romans 7:15-25a New Testament, p. 147

**Sermon** Freedom

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn #340** This Is My Song

### **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**

### **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 #756** O God of Every Nation

### **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Lacy Myer

Children's Message: Sam O'Neill

Communion Servers: Estelle McGroarty, Jeff Lapinski, Frank Boster, Norm Mackay

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

**Greeter**

Sue Kalvonjian

**Flowers**

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

**Livestream**

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:** *July 5-July 12*

**SUNDAY, 7/5**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

**MONDAY, 7/6**

Girl Scout Troop Meeting 4:30 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY, 7/9</b>	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, 7/11</b>	
Advent House	8:30 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 7/12 Centsability</b>	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:15 a.m.
GA Education Event	11:30 a.m.

### **Congregational Meeting**

The next congregational meeting will be held July 12 immediately following worship to elect officers to Session and Deacons.

### **General Assembly Recap**

Heather Myer and Rev. Kristin Stroble will hold a General Assembly education event following fellowship on Sunday, July 12.

### **Outdoor Worship**

We will have outdoor worship throughout the summer on the third Sundays of the month. The next ones are July 19 and Aug. 16. An ice cream social will be held this month.

### **Hope in One, Aug. 5**

The annual Hope in One Golf Outing at Groesbeck Golf Course to benefit Advent House Ministries is Wednesday, Aug. 5. Please let Neil Myer or the church office know if you would like to play.



### **Peanuts and Cracker Jack Time!**

Celebrate summer and your Eastminster friends at the ballfield. We have 20 tickets for the Lugnuts Faith and Family Night on Saturday, August 22. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$12 per person. Please contact the church office to reserve tickets.

## Advent House

The next Advent House meal will be served on July 11. The sign-up sheet, pans and recipes are in the Narthex.

## Centsability

We will collect loose change for Centsability next Sunday, July 12. Paper banks are on the Narthex table if you wish to take one home for collecting coins. Monies collected go to local organizations that help feed hungry people. Would you be interested in helping to count and roll coins collected? Let the church office know you would be willing to volunteer.

## Massanetta Middle School Conference

Our youth are attending Massanetta Middle School Conference this week from July 8-12.

The 2026 theme is “Peace-ing Together, Peace by Piece” from Romans 14:19, “Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.” Here’s what the Lead Advocates had to say about it:

“We decided to use the theme of peace and togetherness to explore the idea of the peace that God is calling for in our world. God calls us to be peacemakers, but that is not something we can achieve by ourselves. Together, as children of God, we can strive to create and cultivate harmony in our communities, building peace through our individual pieces.”





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