



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
September 6, 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

September 6, 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** *based on Psalm 107*

One: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

ALL: *Because of God's everlasting goodness,
we offer God our thanks and praise.*

One: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

ALL: *Because of God's care and concern for humanity,
we offer God our thanks and praise.*

One: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

ALL: *Because of God's transforming powers and actions,
we gather as a community of faith and trust in God -
and we offer God our thanks and praise.*

***Hymn #610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your commandments, but we choose to disobey and act in ways that harm our neighbors. We turn our backs from those in need. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Words of Forgiveness

*Sung Response #743 O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

*Passing of the Peace *(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Keep the Faith

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**

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 #353** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: David Duryea

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Worship Credits: The call to worship is by Joan Stott - "The Timeless Psalms", used with permission; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Ushers

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

Greeter

Susan Smalley

Flowers

Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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Robin Bell

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Rebecca Dean

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

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Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *September 6-September 13*

SUNDAY, 9/6

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/7 Office Closed for Labor Day

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

Queer Heart Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9/8

Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/9

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

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/10

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 9/12

Advent House 8:30 a.m.

Presbytery Meeting–Richland

SUNDAY, 9/13 Kick-Off Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch 11:00 a.m.

Youth Gathering 11:30 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

Community Bells 3:30 p.m.

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is September 12th. Sign up to make a casserole in the narthex.

Kick-Off Sunday

We will begin the church program year on September 13th. After worship there will be an all-church lunch and intergenerational education. We hope you join us!

Bible Studies

We have two Bible Studies that will resume on September 9th. The Men's Bible study meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays and the other Bible study meets at 10:30am on Wednesday. Both studies meet in-person with a Zoom option.



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You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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