

Service for the Lord's Day July 7, 2024



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.



Masks are available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.

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.

Hymn books and bibles can be found under the pews.

There are offering plates outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website.

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 7, 2024 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: With what shall we come before the Lord on this day?

What shall we bring into the presence of our God

as an expression of our worship and praise?

ALL: Shall we bring all that we own —

our finest possessions, our life-savings,

our investments and property?

Shall we bring our gold and silver?

One: No, that's not what God is looking for.

God has told you what is good,

what God expects of you:

ALL: To do justice.

To love mercy.

To walk humbly before God.

*Hymn #5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We confess, gracious God, that we too quickly become impatient for a visible sign of your presence in our lives.

When you seem distant or absent from us for a long time, we try to take life into our own control.

We do not remember the abundance of your love or your wonderful works, and we stop trusting you.

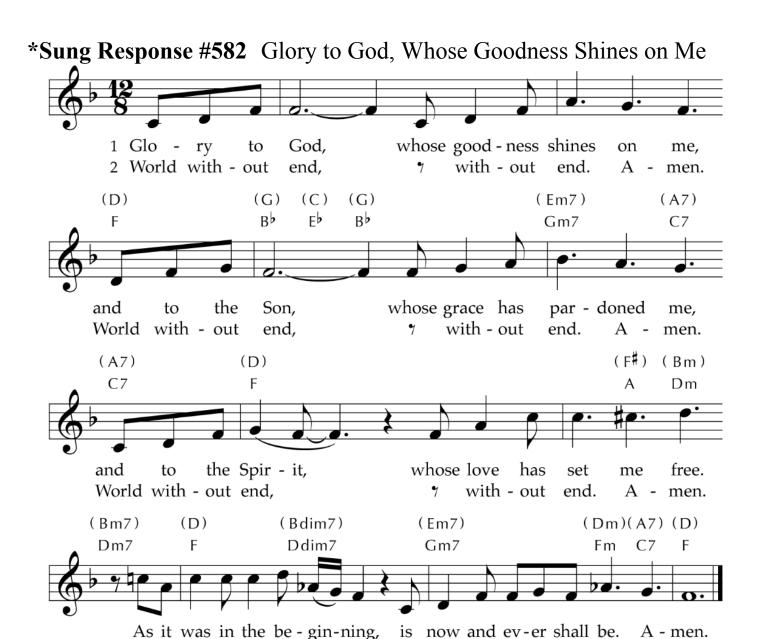
Like our ancestors before us, we create our own gods in which we invest our security.

Forgive our sinful ways, and make the manner of our lives be worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hear now our silent confession . . .

^{*}Silent Confession

^{*}Assurance of Pardon



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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 32:1-14 Old Testament, pp. 75-76

Sermon Moses, Aaron, and the GOLDEN Calf

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion & Lord's Prayer

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. One of the servers has gluten-free wafers.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Susan Smalley Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: John Khaidarov

Communion Servers: Jeff Lapinski, Sue Kalvonjian, Linda Hardenbergh,

Patsy King

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Ushers

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Bev Bonning

Greeter

Ruth Hartwig

Video Producer

Mike Brown

Flowers

Today's flowers are given in memory of Miriam "Mim" Bethards who passed away on June 23, 2024 and joined her beloved Buck in the Lord's Kingdom. Dedication by her loving children and grandchildren.

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 Pianist

This Week at Eastminster:

July 7 through July 14

SUNDAY, 7/7

Worship	10:00 a.m.	
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.	
MONDAY, 7/8		
Infrastructure Meeting	2:30 p.m.	
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.	
THURSDAY, 7/11	•	
30s and 40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.	
FRIDAY, 7/12	_	
String Ensemble rehearsal	4:00 p.m.	
SATURDAY, 7/13		
Advent House	8:30 a.m.	
SUNDAY, 7/14 Centsability		
Worship	10:00 a.m.	
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.	
Water4Life Presentation	12:00 p.m.	
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Neil will be at the Massanetta Middle School Conference with our youth from July 10 to July 14. Kristin will be off July 10-11.



Lugnuts Game

Join us for Lugnuts Faith Night on Saturday, Aug. 17. We have 20 premium box seats for the game. Tickets are \$13. Contact Charlotte Smith or the church office to reserve your ticket.

Advent House

We will be delivering meals to Advent House this Saturday. If you signed up to bring a meal, please have it to the church by 8:30 a.m. Saturday. You can also bring it in during office hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Open Tables

This summer we are planning at least three dinners for Eastminster

members and friends to gather in small groups to share a meal at someone's home. The host provides the main dish and the guests provide the sides. The first was held last month at the home of Susan Smalley and Jim Artabasy. We are still looking for someone to host July. If you'd be willing to host, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. You can pick the day and time. Please indicate how many people you can host and whether you'd like to host the meal at the church or in your home.



The August open table meal will be hosted by **Brian and Heather Heitman on August 25 at 1pm**. There is room for at least 15 people to sign up.

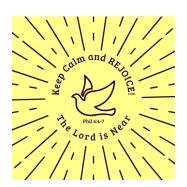
Contact the church office to sign up/or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Take this opportunity to get to know each other better.

Summer Outdoor Worship Services

This summer we are having outdoor worship services once a month on the third Sunday of the month. The remaining two will be July 21st and August 18th. We will not be live-streaming the service on outdoor worship days. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on for these services.

Supporting Our Youth Going to Massanetta

Our middle school youth leave this Wednesday for the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference in Virginia and will return on the evening of July 14. Donations will be gladly accepted for the Christian Education fund to help with costs for transportation (fuel and vehicle rental) and scholarships for some of our middle school youth.



If you wish to give online to support the youth, you can do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Put the donation in Gifts/Donations to the Church and then make a note that it is for Christian Education/Massanetta.

Thank you for your support of our young people and their ongoing faith formation!



Centsability

We are once again collecting coins for Centsability offerings on the second Sunday of each month. That's July 14 this month.

Centsability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.