

Service for the Lord's Day September 1, 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.



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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There are offering plates outside,

for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

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

* 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 1, 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: Let us sing...
- ALL: Praise be to God!
- One: Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.
- ALL: Praise be to God!
- One: Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.
- ALL: Praise be to God!
- One: Who continues to dance through our lives even now.
- ALL: Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

*Hymn #15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, the Psalmist says, "Let everything that has breath praise you." Forgive us because we don't. We are too busy to slow down and notice. We are too selfish, singing our own songs, instead of joining our voices with others. We are too self-righteous, instead of loving with your love. Breathe your peace unto us and through us, so that we can indeed praise you with our whole beings.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*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	Psalm 150	Old Testament, p. 551	
Hymn Sing			
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:12-17	New Testament, p. 190	
Hymn Sing			

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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. One of the servers has gluten-free wafers.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #641 When in Our Music God is Glorified

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Children's Message: Neil Myer Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A. Communion Servers: Barb Dalzell, Elaine Cable, Sam O'Neill, Robin Bell

<u>Worship Credits:</u> The call to worship is written by Katherine Hawker, on Liturgy Outside, http://liturgyoutside.net/

<u>Ushers</u>

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

<u>Greeter</u>

Barbara Lowes

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Irv Nichols

Video Producer

Mike Brown

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:

September 1 to September 8			
SUNDAY, 9/1			
Worship/Hymn Sing	10:00 a.m.		
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.		
MONDAY, 9/2 Office Closed for Labor Day			
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.		
TUESDAY, 9/3			
Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.		
WEDNESDAY 9/4			

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THURSDAY, 9/5	-
Infrastructure Meeting	2:30 p.m.
30s and 40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 9/6	
String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 9/7	
Capital City Ringers Boot Camp	11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, 9/8 Centsability	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Lunch and Kick-off	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.

Bible Studies Starting Back Up

Bible studies will resume on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 11. The Men's Bible Study meets at 8 a.m. and the morning bible study (as yet unnamed) meets at 10:30 a.m. Both are available in person and over Zoom.

Advent House

Be a part of our Advent House ministry where we provide a lunch on the second Sunday of every month. The sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex along with a recipe for this month's meal. Recipes are in each of the metal trays that you can take to fill with food.

PageTurners

After a summer hiatus, the book club is gathering again to delve into three great books for the rest of the year. On Sept. 14, Heather Heitman will lead a discussion on "Before the Coffee Gets Cold" by Kawaguchi. On Oct. 12, Barb Stowitts will lead a discussion on "The Teacher" by McFadden. On Nov. 9, Mary Harvey will facilitate the conversation on "In Order to Live" by Yeonmi Park.



Youth-Led Worship– Sept. 8

On Sunday, September 8th, the youth and adults we sent to Massanetta Middle School Conference this summer will lead us in worship with the theme Keep Calm and Rejoice! The Lord is Near from Philippians 4:4-9. This will be followed by an all-church lunch to share more of their experience with us.

Lift Your Voices in Song

The EPC Choir is looking for voices to sing an anthem for World Communion Sunday on October 6. World Communion celebrates our oneness in Christ along with our fellow worshippers around the world, and we at EPC will contribute our voices in celebration. <u>The first practice is</u> <u>today from 11:30AM - 12:30PM</u>. Since a Hymn Sing is planned for today's worship service, our voices will already be warmed up! So, grab your coffee at Fellowship and then head back to the Sanctuary to sing.