



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

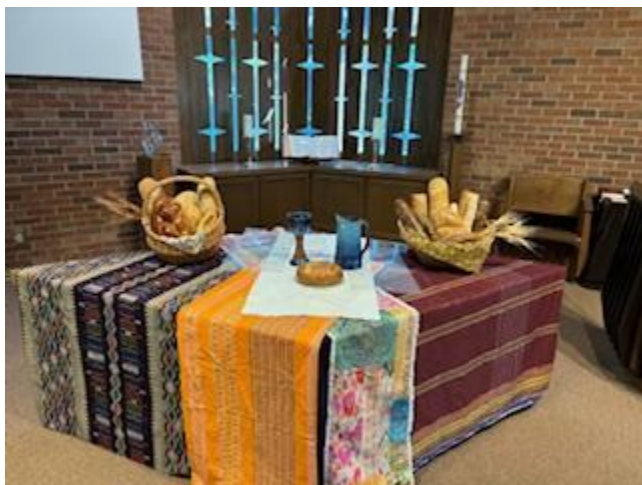
**Service for the Lord's Day  
October 6, 2024**



# 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](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.

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.

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

October 6, 2024

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

One: If you are hungry,

*ALL: there is room at God's table.*

One: If you are weary,

*ALL: there is a seat saved for you.*

One: If you dream of belonging,  
then we will practice belonging here.  
From north, south, east and west,  
God invites us home.

*ALL: Let us worship our nourishing God.*

\*Hymn #529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

*Creator God,*

*We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
to live like we belong to one another.*

*And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind.*

*Forgive us for training our hearts to focus  
only on what is in front of us.*

*Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation.*

*Forgive us for assuming that you being with us*

*means you can't be with others too.*

*Our gaze has been too narrow.*

*Open our hearts.*

*Expand our understanding.*

*Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world.*

*Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation.*

*With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*...Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness.*

*We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. We begin again. Thanks be to God for a love like that.*

**\*Sung Response #698** Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall".

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The system concludes with a double bar line.

**\*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** Matthew 9:9-13                      New Testament, p. 8

**Choir Anthem**        *One World, One Communion*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 New Testament, p. 163

**Sermon**    Let's Circle Up

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in a nourishing God  
who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock.*

*We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth,  
who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.*

*We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit— meeting us in  
ritual, regardless of where we gather.*

*Trusting that good news, we come to the Table. We pull up extra seats.*

*We learn each other's names. We bless the food.*

*We tell the story.*

*We remember Christ's love, and we look for God in all of it.*

*We believe.*

*Help our unbelief. Amen.*

## Hymn #507 Come to the Table of Grace

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

## 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 #526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Heather Myer

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Choir Director: Sulin Campbell

Eastminster Choir

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

**Greeter**

Barb Stowitts

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ted Hagan in loving memory of his wife, Pat Hagan.

**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:** *October 6 to October 13*

**SUNDAY, 10/6**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Potluck Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Community Bells	4:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, 10/7**

CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 10/8**

Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 10/9**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 10/10**

30s and 40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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**FRIDAY, 10/11**

String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
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**SATURDAY, 10/12**

Advent House	8:00 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, 10/13**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Crop Walk	1:45 p.m.
Community Bells	4:30 p.m.

**Crop Walk - Sunday, October 13, 2024**

Eastminster is participating in the 2024 Crop Walk. This annual gathering raises money to fight against hunger. All ages can participate! The walk will begin at 1:45pm. Sign up in the narthex. You can also donate to this cause online at our website or by putting a donation in the offering plates marked "Crop Walk."



## **Peace and Global Witness Offering**

We are currently collecting the Peace & Global Witness Offering, one of the special offerings of the PC(USA). This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. We retain 25% of this offering and will be giving to Refugee Services at St. Vincent Catholic Charities. You can give using an envelope in the pew or online.

## **UKirk Dinners**

Each Wednesday UKirk gathers at Eastminster and they begin with dinner. Would you be willing to provide a meal for hungry college students? Talk to Neil Myer or go to this link:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4EA5A729A0FF2-46946613-ukirk](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4EA5A729A0FF2-46946613-ukirk)

## **Advent House - this Saturday**

We still need a few more people to sign up for this month's meal. If you signed up for Advent House, please make sure your meal is here by 8 a.m. on Saturday. You can drop it off on Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or on Saturday morning. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping to feed the hungry.

## **Page Turners**

Join the PageTurners, Eastminster's book club, this Saturday at 10 a.m. Barb Stowitts will lead a discussion of Frieda McFadden's "The Teacher." Readers will gather in the Green Room and over Zoom.

## **Used Smart Phone**

Do you have a used smart phone that you haven't traded in? The church is looking for a smart phone to perform basic office functions. We don't need anything fancy, but if you have one you'd like to donate, please let us know.