

Service for the Lord's Day November 10, 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.

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

November 10, 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: People of God, it is good to be together.

ALL: It's not always easy, but it is good.

One: People of God, it is good to worship God.

ALL: It's not always flawless, but it is good.

One: People of God, it is good to grow in faith.

ALL: It's not always simple but it is good.

One: People of God, today is a good day to reaffirm our trust in God.

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn #392 Jesus, We Are Here

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, we confess that we are impatient for perfection.

We want our struggles to be over now.

We want our lives to be polished now.

We want our relationships to be breezy now.

We want our faith to be rock-solid now.

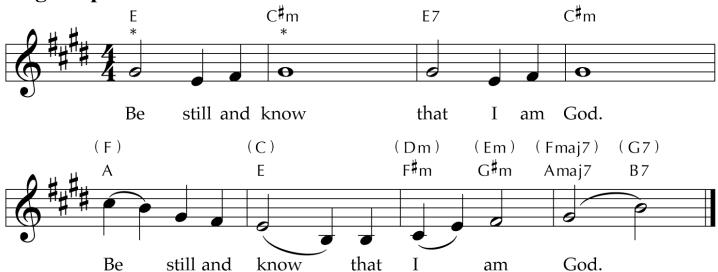
We want all our dreams to come true with the snap of a finger.

Remind us, God, how much more meaningful the slow path can be. Remind us that our need to make progress is not your punishment, but your gift: that you walk with imperfect people, so that we can see in real time the power of your love. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #414 Be Still and Know That I Am God



*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 146 Old Testament, p. 549

Hymn #756 O God of Every Nation

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:1-11, 25b-30 New Testament, pp. 185-186

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

*Hymn #687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Charge & Benediction

*Benediction Response #306 Blest Be the Tie that Binds Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Robin Bell Children's Message: Neil Myer Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Head Usher: Jason Giddings

<u>Greeter</u>

Josh Vermaas

Flowers

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

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This Week at Eastminster: November 10 to November 17

SUNDAY, 11/10

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

MONDAY, 11/11

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

TUESDAY, 11/12

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

WEDNESDAY 11/13

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

THURSDAY, 11/14

Battery and Light Bulb Changing Day 10:00 a.m. 30s and 40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 11/15

String Ensemble Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 11/17

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

Eastminster is providing 10 baskets for Christian Services. You can sign up to fill a basket and/or sign up to deliver baskets in the Green Room. Baskets need to be returned November 21 between 10am-4pm and November 22 between 5-7pm. To sign up to fill a basket please click here or call the church office.

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