

## Our Sanctuary (Cont'd)

The glass for the windows arrived from a factory in West Virginia. The volunteers were divided into three shifts. The glass, in shades of deep reds and yellows, was broken into pieces and each piece was hand washed and later assembled in irregular square patterns. These windows were made of thousands of pieces by the amateur artisans.



There are 12 windows each with three panels. All the colored glass was cut and bonded with a clear sealant. The lower panels of all windows have two layers of colored glass on the inside and one layer on the outside. The lower panels are translucent but not transparent, thereby affording privacy at eye level.

The middle panels have one layer of colored glass on the inside and one on the outside. The upper panels have just one layer of colored glass on the inside. The middle and upper panels, with fewer layers of colored glass, allow more of our glorious sunrises and sunsets to filter into the sanctuary.

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The effects of the gradations of the golden tones from the opaque shadows at the base to the radiant luminescence of the upper windows is akin to lifting the spirit heavenward.

The window above the Narthex is a mural-type window of representational art. Designed and built by the architect and his staff as a gift to the Church, this beautiful picture depicts God the Holy Spirit moving out into the world. The colors representing the world, its' strife and tensions, are warm hues of yellow, orange and red.



The area to the back of the sanctuary houses the rest rooms, church parlor, the Chapel, and the Sacristy. The Parlor is used for weddings, funerals and meetings. The Chapel is used for prayer and meditation and small weddings. The Sacristy is used by the Worship Committee for the preparation of communion elements and for the pastors' robes.



## Our Church History



### Eastminster Presbyterian Church

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#### Service Schedule

**Saturday – 6:00 PM**  
**(Contemporary)**

**Sunday – 10:00 AM**  
**(Traditional)**

## EASTMINSTER'S HISTORY

St. John's Presbytery, Presbyterian Church US, hired Dr. Marion Melvin to organize a Presbyterian church in the Melbourne area. He canvassed the area and began services weekly in the recreation center on Front Street. In searching for a site to build a church building, Dr. Melvin suggested that a site on the barrier island, now Indialantic, was available. Four lots were selected and purchased.

In January 1950, the church was officially organized and a Session, Board of Deacons and Trustees were elected. Fifty four members were received into the church as Charter Members. The name Eastminster was chosen.

Eastminster's first sanctuary was built on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Riverside Place. It is now Melvin Hall and is used by the church school.

The membership continued to grow as the Space Center was developed.

Two Sunday services were conducted as seating in the church was inadequate. Two Sunday School sessions were held – one during each worship service.

With the fold back of the Space Center in 1968, membership lessened as many members were transferred to other job sites. We continued two Sunday services with Sunday School classes between the two.

Our present sanctuary was completed in the fall of 1968 and the congregation began to worship there.

When the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church US and the Presbyterian Church USA merged, Eastminster became a part of the new Presbyterian Church UPUSA and Central Florida Presbytery.

Over the years, the church has strived to have a Christ-centered Worship, a musical program, and a youth program. A contemporary service was introduced on Saturday nights.

The Christian Ministry Center was completed in late 1999 and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception was the first event held in the new Fellowship Hall. The CMC contains offices for the staff, the church library, the music department, the fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery, Heritage Room and classrooms.

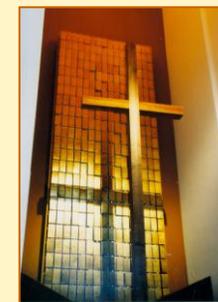


Eastminster Presbyterian Church has been fortunate to have had strong leadership over the past 50 years and to have provided a strong Christian program in the Melbourne area which will continue under the leadership of our present pastor, Reverend Doctor Tim Rogers-Martin.

## Our Sanctuary

Our sanctuary was designed by Nils Schweizer, a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright, whose influence can be seen in the style of the church. It is said that the building has no right angles in any of its structural components.

When entering the sanctuary, one immediately sees the cross in the chancel area. The wood for the cross was given by a church member. Her husband selected a giant heart of cypress tree from their ranch to construct a cross on the grounds at Eastminster. The architect incorporated the cross in the plans for the sanctuary. It is free standing and is embedded seven feet into the floor. The cross is framed with a background of variegated metallic panels.



The windows on the east and west sides of the sanctuary are very special because members of the congregation actually assembled them under the supervision of the Schweizer studio.