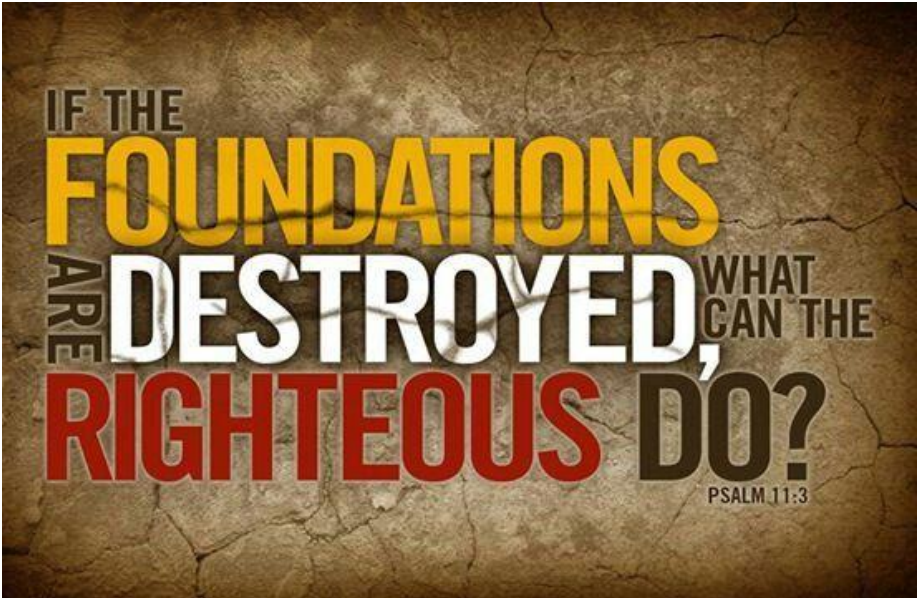




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 8, 2017



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

10:30 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship pads and pass them along the row and back again.

Cents-ability Offering

Prelude *The entry of the light.*

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light Bach

Silent Meditation

We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have the answers. Abraham Joshua Heschel

Introit *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

Call to Worship

Grace to you, and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

Come worship the God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

Come worship the God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...

Come worship the God who gave us Jesus, the Christ, the Prince of Peace.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...

Come worship the God who gives life meaning. Come worship the God whose grace and love know no end!

*** Hymn #41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

SERVICE OF CONTRITION

***Prayer of Confession**

***Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of grace, you seek to grow new things within us. We confess that we don't give you much to work with. The seed of faith is small within us. Hope is hard to muster. Love is often inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Have mercy on us. Stir us, empower us, redeem us, so that we can be drawn toward you and grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love. We pray this in the name of Christ, our brother.

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Response**

[Gott Sei Dank, #333]

How our hearts with joy abound, with your beauty all around; words are feeble to express your great love and righteousness.

Fairer still than human frame, ever to our eyes the same, steadfast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

(Turn to your neighbors and say, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Anthem

I Will Praise Forever

Handel

Reading from Scripture

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

(Pew Bible, page 63 – OT)

Children's Message

Reading from Scripture

Psalms 11

(Pew Bible, page 468 – OT)

Sermon

“Partners in Courage”

Response to the Word #250 [remain seated]

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Minute for Ministry Advent Devotional Terry Graham

Presenting Our Gifts

Offertory *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above* Praetorius

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Your greatest commandment, O Lord, is that we love You with heart, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves. May these gifts we bring be signs of our hope, that in giving of ourselves and our wealth we are growing in faithfulness to your call. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of Intercession 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.

***Hymn of Praise #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*
The light leads us into the world.

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Shackley

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey S. O'Neill
Worship Leader: Elder Susan Smalley
Children's Message: Neil Myer
Choir Director: Chelsea Berner
Hand Bell Director: Heather Myer
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Guest Musician: Amy Lovell, flute

Welcome!

We're glad you're here to worship God with us and to share in the fellowship of this church community. If you are looking for a church home, we would be honored to have you join us. Please speak to the Pastor or one of the Ushers following the service.

Nursery care is available for infants through age three from **9:15-11:45** each Sunday morning in our Nursery located in the **Christian Education Wing** on the **Lower Level**.

Church Hours

Monday through Thursday:
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.



Follow Eastminster on **Facebook**. We are under Eastminster Presbyterian Church East Lansing.

Today at Eastminster

Greeters

Today: Charlotte Altemeier & Charlotte Smith
Oct. 15: Darlene Bullerdick & Ron Davis

Ushers

Head Usher: Heather Myer; Norm & Cindy Mackay

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Brenda Ramsby in honor of her granddaughters' birthdays: Lily (13, 9/29) and Anna (6, 10/6).

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill	Interim Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham	Parish Advisor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Discipleship
Sam O'Neill	Office Administrator
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Chelsea Berner	Adult Choir Director
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director
Nursery Attendant	Audri Bello
Nursery Attendant	Nino Napetvaridze

This Week at Eastminster

October 8 - 15

TODAY, 10/8

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Cents-ability	
Children's Worship	
Fellowship	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/9

Staff Meeting	9:00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, 10/10

Weekday Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
Hand Bells	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/11

Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.
UKirk@MSU	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/12

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 10/14

Advent House	9:45 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 10/15

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship

Fellowship

11:30 a.m.

AA: Wed. & Thurs. 7 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 p.m.;
Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon: Thurs. 8:15 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30 – 10:20



Ages 4-Grade 2

Holy Moly is designed to ignite a biblical imagination that lasts a lifetime for young children. Each week participants see a video and use their gifts of observation to become theologians in their own right. It is amazing to get their insight.

Oct 15 Baby Moses

Oct 22 Exodus

Oct 29 The Stone Tablets



Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

THE OPEN DOOR

for all ages

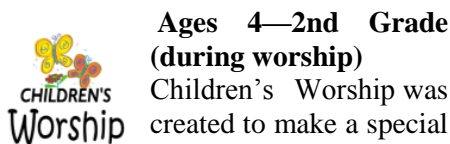
This fall, *open the door* to creativity, *open the door* to deepening relationships with God and one another, *open the door* to using your gifts, *open the door* to faith formation through energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Upper elementary, middle school, high school and adults of all ages are invited to join us for this interactive time of faith formation Sunday mornings. Arrive early and join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Open Door Café located on the Lower Level off Fellowship Hall for coffee, tea, juice and yummy baked goods! Our weekly adventures will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the “open

doors” of Fellowship Hall. Join us as we open the door to possibilities!

Oct 15 Sunday School through the ages

Oct 22 Nailed it!

Oct 29 Reformation Sunday Surprise



Ages 4—2nd Grade (during worship)

Children's Worship was created to make a special place where children can come to encounter God, to be still with God and to listen to God. It is a place where they come to nurture their spiritual life.

Oct 8 Abram and Sarai

Oct 15 Exodus

Oct 22 The 10 Best Ways to Live

ADULT

EDUCATION



Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Green Room

Oct 8 - “What Does God Require of Us?” - Rev. Jeff O’Neill will present a theological perspective on race and community.

Oct 15 – **Food Deserts** What is a food desert? Is Lansing a food desert? A combination of low-income and low access contributes to this increasingly all-too-common condition in our neighborhoods.

Oct 22 – **Community Sustainability** Susan Smalley will present on the MSU Community Sustainability initiatives that addresses contemporary issues of sustainability in agriculture,

recreation, natural resources, and the environment.



Faith & Film
Monday, October 16
@ 6:00 p.m.

Join us on the 3rd Monday of the month for a light meal, fellowship, and lively discussion on films. Please watch the film on your own, then join us and bring \$4 to pitch in for the meal.

October film: *Spirited Away* The DVD is available in the church office to borrow.



Presbyterian Women
Bible Study
Tuesday, October 17,
1:15 p.m.

The EPC PW Bible Study will meet in the Green Room on Tuesday, October 17 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. as we continue our 2017-2018 study of "*CLOUD OF WITNESSES: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*". Please prepare for Lesson #2 by pre-reading the Study Book information and the Bible references noted.

Flicks

with



Friends

Flicks with Friends
Wednesday,
Oct. 20

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. **All persons** are invited. The movie is picked the weekend before and by what is playing the afternoon of that day. An email list has been formed to notify persons who are interested. Let Barb Stowitts know if you would like to be included on the movie email list.

Lunch is decided by the people attending. barbstow@yahoo.com



Church Women
United
of Greater Lansing
Monday, October 9
1:00 p.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church
1515 Elmwood Road
Lansing, MI

Theme: "Harvest Theme"

Speaker: Beth Young, Loaves & Fishes

Slate of Officers Presented
Draft 2018 Budget

Questions? Contact Jan Ewing or Maxine Cleary

Website: www.churchwomen.org



PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

HURRICANE

RELIEF

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts,

gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey** or to **DR000194-Irma/Maria**

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700. You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

**EPC Community Life Team
cordially invites you
to participate in**

Eastminster's 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival

**Sunday, October 29th
2p-4p**

Front Yard and Upper Parking Lot



Come with your car or van trunk decorated in a family-friendly Halloween theme and greet the littlest trick-or-treaters! AND/OR volunteer to be a snack table host, yard game player or easy craft maker!



Charlie Zahm in Concert
Saturday, October 28 @ 7:00 p.m.
Firster Presbyterian Church—Holt
2021 N. Aurelius Rd.

A UKirk at MSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry Fundraiser

UKirk at MSU is pleased to welcome **Charlie Zahm** for a concert on Saturday, October 28, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Holt. Charlie Zahm is one of the most popular soloists at Celtic music festivals anywhere east of the Mississippi. With a baritone voice some have described as "coming along once in a generation," Charlie has become one of the most successful performers on the Celtic festival circuit, weaving magical moments of Scottish and Irish history for the listener and viewer, with passion for the performance and a chosen repertoire pleasing to all members of the family. A master of the guitar as well, Charlie brings an authentic love and respect for the music he sings-and with dashes of humor and a light in his eyes, he will draw you into the stories of his songs! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. All ticket sales go directly to support UKirk at MSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry! See Neil Myer or UKirk board member Jim Robertson for tickets starting September 1.



DO JUSTICE ... LOVE KINDNESS ... WALK HUMBLY
with your God.

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Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Mercy, Peace, and Justice Vision Statement
Adopted by Session June 14, 2017

We believe we are called as a church of Jesus Christ to promote compassion, peace, and social justice by seeking to understand and actively bear witness against discrimination, suffering, pain, and social and economic injustices throughout the world and in our own community. Silence, avoidance, and inaction are not options for us as Christians who profess that we believe in being disciples of Christ. We believe as a congregation we can help shape a future for people of all races, ethnicities, and national origins by

1. Educating ourselves and others to be mindful of injustices;
2. Identifying existing and developing programs that address discrimination, suffering, pain, and social and economic injustices;
3. Walking humbly together along the path of active participation in these programs;
4. Coordinating our efforts within our church to educate and involve people of all ages and abilities.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mandy Augenstein
Heather Sturr

*Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. O'Neill
or the Church Office.*

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Eastminster Mission Statement

We, the members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
celebrate the grace of God and the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

We believe we are called as God's children to:

Praise and worship God;

Nurture and support spiritual growth as a family of faith;

Promote an open and welcoming community;

Reach out to the world with compassion;
and seek God's justice.

We strive to develop and use our Spirit-given gifts
to share our faith in word and deed
as disciples who serve the Lord Jesus Christ
according to the will of God.

Adopted by the Session in 1999. Revised in 2011.

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