



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
April 15, 2018

All who have this
HOPE IN HIM
purify themselves, just as
HE IS PURE.



1 JOHN 3:3, NRSV

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter
Anniversary Sunday

April 15, 2018

10:30 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements *(Please sign the friendship pads)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Prelude *The entry of the light.*

Silent Meditation

Introit

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Worship

We are witnesses,

to the love God has poured into us.

We are witnesses of God's love,

sharing it with each person we meet.

We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

of the love and belonging found in Christ.

***Hymn #248** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

SERVICE OF CONTRITION

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Living God, forgive us. For we are quick to celebrate, but slow to understand the implications of your resurrection. Like your first followers, we don't always recognize you, because you don't look like we think you should. You keep showing up outside our celebrations and carefully planned services. You keep showing up, alive in dying places, new in old things. Give us eyes to see you, Lord,

*hearts to know you, hands to work for you, our
resurrected Savior.*

***Silent Prayer**

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response [#245]**

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Anthem *Crown Him King of Kings*

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

1 John 3:1-7

(Pew Bible, page 225 – NT)

Children's Message

Readings from Scripture

Luke 24:36b-48

(Pew Bible, page 85 – NT)

Sermon "Eating with Ghosts"

Response to the Word #450 [remain seated]

Be Thou My Vision

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Stewardship Moment

Barb Stowitts

Presenting Our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology[#609]

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
LM with alleluia
(alternate harmonization, 10)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Life-Giving God, may you bless our gifts
and let them go forth from us
to benefit all of your children
with wisdom, compassion, and imagination. Amen.*

Reconigition of Charter and Fifty Year Members

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of
Intercession / 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 #296** *Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response #246**

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Elder Sam O'Neill
Children's Message: Neil Myer
Choir Director: Chelsea Berner
Hand Bell Director: Heather Myer
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

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

Mon-Thurs., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday.

Please note: For security purposes, on Sunday mornings the West and Front doors will be locked once the service begins. An usher will be stationed in the Narthex to admit later arrivals.



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Today at Eastminster

Greeters

Today: Heather Myer & Brenda Ramsby
Next Sunday: Barbara Lowes & Barbara Stowitts

Ushers

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Matt & Cindy Nixon

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Terry Graham in honor of Jean Graham's birthday.

Church Leadership

Rev. Kristin Stroble 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
 Audri Bello Nursery Attendant



**Children's
 Worship**
**Ages 4 - 2nd
 Grade** (during
 worship, following
 the Children's
 Message).

The pastor's email address is:
revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org

This Week at Eastminster

April 15 - 22

TODAY, 4/15

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

MONDAY, 4/16

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.
 Faith & Film 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 4/17

Presbyterian Women 1:15 p.m.
 Bells 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4/18

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.
 UKirk at MSU 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 4/19

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

SUNDAY, 4/22

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship
 Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Stroble's Installation 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. - Green Room

Adult education resumes on April 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Green Room. This spring we will feature the *Theocademy: New Testament* video series with Dr. Margaret Aymer, professor of New Testament at Austin Theological Seminary. Topics include:

- .. What is the New Testament?
- .. The Five Narratives
- .. The Apostle Paul and his Followers
- .. Letters and Sermons
- .. The Revelation to John



Faith & Film

**Monday, April 16
 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a light meal, fellowship, and lively discussion on films. Please watch the film on your own, then join us and bring \$5 to pitch in for the meal.

This month: *Black Narcissus* (1947) starring Deborah Kerr & Jean Simmons. "After opening a convent in the Himalayas, five nuns encounter conflict and tension - both with the natives and also within their own group - as they attempt to adapt to their remote, exotic surroundings" (IMDb). [available on Netflix & Amazon]

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

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!



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

PW will meet on Tuesday, April 17, at 1:15 p.m. in the Green Room for our monthly meeting. Lesson Eight of *Cloud of Witnesses* is "In Community with the Household of Faith." The Lesson Leader will be Mim Bethards and the Hostess will be Mary Ann Merchant. Please pre-read the lesson and associated scriptures.

The **2018** *Birthday Offering* envelopes will be available at the April & May meetings—all donations are due by May 15, 2018. The offering funds mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world.

NEW MEMBER



GATHERING

Sunday, April 29, following worship

What does it mean to be a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church? Why join the church? How can I join the church? On April 29th after worship the Session of Eastminster invites anyone interested in joining the church or exploring what it means to be a member to stay for lunch, fellowship, and exploration. Many wonder why join when anyone, member or non-member alike, is welcome to participate in the life and ministry of the church. There are no real “perks” to being a member of Eastminster. Instead, membership is about commitment; it’s about deepening your engagement with the church and making a public profession of faith to be a follower of Jesus in this place. It’s about taking vows to support the church’s ministry through prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The journey of faith is not meant to be traveled alone and we invite you to grow as a disciple with us. Interested? Please let Kristin know by emailing at revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org or by calling the church phone.

If you have any questions about this meeting or other PW issues, please contact Suzi Moss, PW Communicator: s.r.moss@outlook.com or mobile # 517-974-3129.

Flicks



Friends

Flicks with Friends
Wed., April 18

Our movie and lunch group meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of the 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 (barbstow@yahoo.com) know if you would like to be included on the movie email list.

Charter Member

The Presbytery of Lansing chartered Eastminster Presbyterian Church **April 14, 1957, 61 years ago**. The petition to the presbytery included the signatures of 126 persons. This current member signed our church's charter:

Phyllis Irwin

50-Year Members

In addition to our Charter Member, today we recognize and honor those persons who have been members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more.

Irv Nichols	03-31-1958
Betty Hall	12-04-1959
Doug Hall	12-04-1959
Pat Hagan	09-29-1961
Ted Hagan	09-29-1961
Jean Graham	10-03-1963
Marie Peckham	10-03-1963
Cynthia DiBello	06-07-1964
Shirley Remer	12-03-1964
Bruce Allen	12-05-1965
Virginia Allen	12-05-1965
Lou Mitchell	12-05-1965
George Miller	02-01-1968
Sue Miller	02-01-1968

*“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,
always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”
I Corinthians 15:58*



Eastminster Presbyterian Church Anniversary April 14, 1957

In celebration of the anniversary of Eastminster's charter, Barb Stowitts has issued a challenge grant to help pay down the principal on the elevator loan. Gifts to the elevator fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. Please use the pink Anniversary envelope to make your gift. Thank you!



THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is lit for the first time on Easter and every Sunday during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter.

The candle's name comes from the word 'Pascha,' the English transliteration of both the Greek and Hebrew words for "Passover," the central festival for Jews. Early Christians appropriated this term for Easter Sunday, our annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ. For Christians, Easter signifies the great deliverance accomplished in the Lord's new Passover when God raised Jesus from the dead.

Easter has been the most important service of the Christian year since at least the second century. It is the central event, the time of transformation, of becoming a resurrected people, God's new people. On this Sunday of all Sundays we celebrate our transformation as a new people.

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, we remember Christ's rising from the tomb, his post-resurrection appearances, his ascension, and the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After Pentecost until next Easter, the candle will remain next to the baptismal font and be lit whenever we have a baptism, funeral, or memorial service as a sign of the hope of the resurrection into new life in which we are all baptized.

The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!



No, not for the church, but for those people who have experienced many different types of natural disasters around the country and the globe: fire, flood,

hurricanes, tornadoes, mudslides and earthquakes, to mention those that have been in the news this year.

Church World Service kits include key supplies to deal with the disaster that is cleaning up after such an event. The Mission Team will be purchasing twenty (20) 5 gal. buckets for this project. It will work similarly to the food baskets we provide at Christmas to Salvation Army clients. We ask that you take a bucket and fill it with all the listed items needed (ONLY) and **return to the church between April 29 and May 1.** There are more details in the April *Voice*.

A sign-up sheet and lists are available in the Green Room. When you take a bucket please sign your name. If you would like to fully subsidize a bucket, at \$70.00, please check that box and write a check to Eastminster.

Thanks for your generous spirit!

*****Deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 19*****

Rev. Kristin Stroble



Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us as the Rev. Kristin Stroble is installed as the seventh pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

A buffet dinner will be served following the service, and reservations are requested. Please tear off and place in offering plate.

Name(s) _____

Number of persons attending _____

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mandy Augenstein

Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. Stroble.

Eastminster Church Officers

Elders

Class of 2018

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Heather Heitman

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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