



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
October 23, 2022**



**TOGETHER
FOR JOY**

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.



Masks are now optional in the building. We do have masks available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.

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. Our nursery is on the lower level for children 3 and under. It is staffed by two background-checked volunteers.

Hymn books and Bibles can be found under the pews.

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. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

** 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 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Song #382 *Come All You People*

Moment of Joy

***Call to Worship**

One: From the small to the great,
 and from the great to the small,
 sing to God,
 for God has done marvelous things.

Left Side: Let the electrons circle their nuclei,
Right Side: Let the earth spin on its axis,

Left Side: Let the moons orbit the planets,
Right Side: Let the planets orbit the Sun,

Left Side: Let the Sun spiral in its galaxy,
Right Side: Let the galaxies revolve around their Creator,

All: Together for joy!

One: From the small to the great,
and from the great to the small,
sing to God,
for God has done marvelous things.

***Hymn #305** Come Sing, O Church in Joy

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 98

Special Music *Marvelous Grace* duet arranged by Sharon Wilson
Sulin Campbell, soprano; Sara Weeden, alto

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:13-22

Sermon Joyful Community

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection and Offering

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 #309** Come, Great God of All the Ages

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Matt Nixon

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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Ushers

Bev Bonning and Jeff Lapinski

Greeter

Terry Graham

Counters

Barb Stowitts and Jesse Turner

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Dr. Ray Hagan, Ted's brother.

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	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

This Week at Eastminster:

Oct. 23 through Oct. 30

SUNDAY, 10/23

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/24

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 10/25

Bell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 10/26

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Projector installation in sanctuary	9:00 a.m.
Late-Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 10/27

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 10/30

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	11:15 a.m.
UKirk Dinner	6:00 p.m.

Bible Studies:

*Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. Wednesdays, in-person or on Zoom.
Zoom meeting ID: 880 7719 4207 Password: 48823*

*Late-Morning Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Zoom only
Zoom meeting ID: 875 1538 0873 Password: 48823*

Nursery volunteers: Going forward, our nursery/toddler room will be staffed by volunteers. We need two adults (age 18 or older) each week. The service will be live-streamed on a television directly into the space. All volunteers will be background checked. To volunteer, please call the church office, contact Neil Myer at neil@eastminsterchurch.org or sign up in the Narthex.

Team Trivia Night!

UKirk at MSU is holding its second team trivia night at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos.

UKirk plans to hold one trivia night each semester, a casual event and fundraiser to support the ongoing ministry and mission of UKirk at MSU. You are invited to form a team of six people to play team trivia. If you don't have a complete team, we'll pair you with people.

Cost is \$120 per table or \$20 per person. There will be a silent auction and a dessert auction.

All Saints Day

On Oct. 30, we will be remembering and honoring those who have passed away in the past 12 months. If you have a friend or family member you would like included in the remembrances, please let Kristin know by Monday, October 24th.

Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion Sunday, Oct. 23, People's Church East Lansing 1 p.m. Lecture

Featuring: John Pavlovitz

Pastor, Writer, Social Activist—Visit his blog at JohnPavlovitz.com

John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice—both inside and outside of faith communities. His books include *A Bigger Table*, *Hope and Other Superpowers*, *Stuff That Needs to Be Said*, and *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk*, which arrived in 2022.

Stewardship: Together for Joy

Stewardship letters and pledge cards have been mailed out! These pledges are critical to the work of creating a budget. You can pledge online or there are pledge cards in the Narthex. Please turn in your pledge by Oct. 30.

Pledge cards went out in the mail last week. If you did not receive one and would like one mailed to you, please contact us.

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