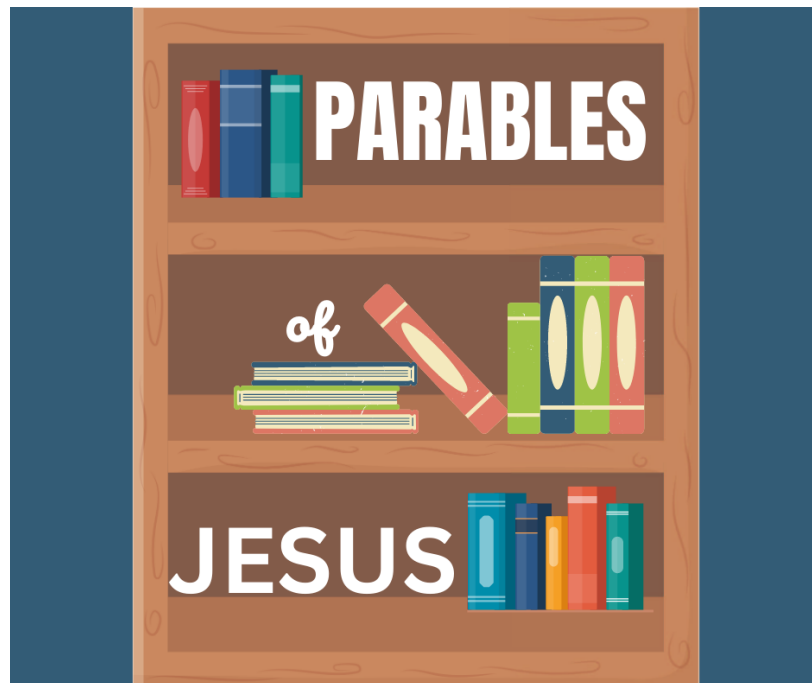




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
January 15, 2023**



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

January 15, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Song #743

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

G D C D
G Dsus7 D7 G D C D
G Em Dsus D
C Am7 G
D C Dsus7 D7 G

***Call to Worship**

L. Come to hear the Word.

P. Come to do the Word.

L. Come to experience Comfort.

P. Come to experience Challenge.

L. Come to find Cost.

P. Come to find Joy.

L. Come to find Humanity.

P. Come to find Community.

L. Come to find Church.

P. Come to find God.

***Hymn #612** We Praise You, O God

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, you have entrusted to us
this earth as a beautiful vineyard.

We have neglected it.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, God incarnate, you have entrusted to us
people to care for with love.

We have often remained indifferent to them.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Creator, you have entrusted to us
our faith as a plant to grow.

We have cared little for it.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful and tender God,
forgive us, we pray.
Prune away our sin
and shower upon us the gift of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #447 We Are Forgiven**

The musical notation is for a song in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The guitar chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

***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 Mark 12:1-12

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

*We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.*

*With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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 #450** Be Thou My Vision

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alissa Davis

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Guest Pianist: Alyssa Snelson

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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Today we welcome Rev. Alissa Davis. She is ordained in the Reformed Church in America and is currently serving as the Campus Chaplain at Alma College, a role she began in November 2021. Alissa lives in Midland with her husband, Matt, their daughter, Annabeth and their puppy, Miles. They love to read, play outside and listen to Veggie Tales songs.

Usher

Head usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Barb Lowes

Greeter

Sue Miller

Flowers

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

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

This Week at Eastminster:

Jan. 15 through Jan. 22

SUNDAY, 1/15

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/16–Office Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. and File Day

Quintet practice 1:30 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/17

UKirk Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/18

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Community Connections 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/19

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 1/22

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Refugee Development Center Welcome Kits

Eastminster has committed to making welcome kits for the Refugee Development Center to distribute during 2023. Every new arrival in Lansing gets one of these kits. We will be collecting items on an ongoing basis. We have printed off cards with items needed. Some of the items that go in the kit are bars of soap, dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, sugar, etc. If you are willing to help with the kit, pick up a card and return the items purchased by placing them in the Green Room. You can also contact Kristin (revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org) and she can let you know what the most needed items are at the moment.

Let's help welcome refugees to our community this year!

Flowers for 2023

Our flower prices have gone up for the first time in many years, so new flower dedications will be \$50. You can sign up outside the church office or online. Payments can be made by check in the offering plate or in the locked box outside the church office or by paying online under "Sanctuary Flowers."

News in Brief: Church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m...Per Capita is \$39.10 this year...This year's annual congregational meeting/meeting of the corporation will take place at 11 a.m. Jan. 29.



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