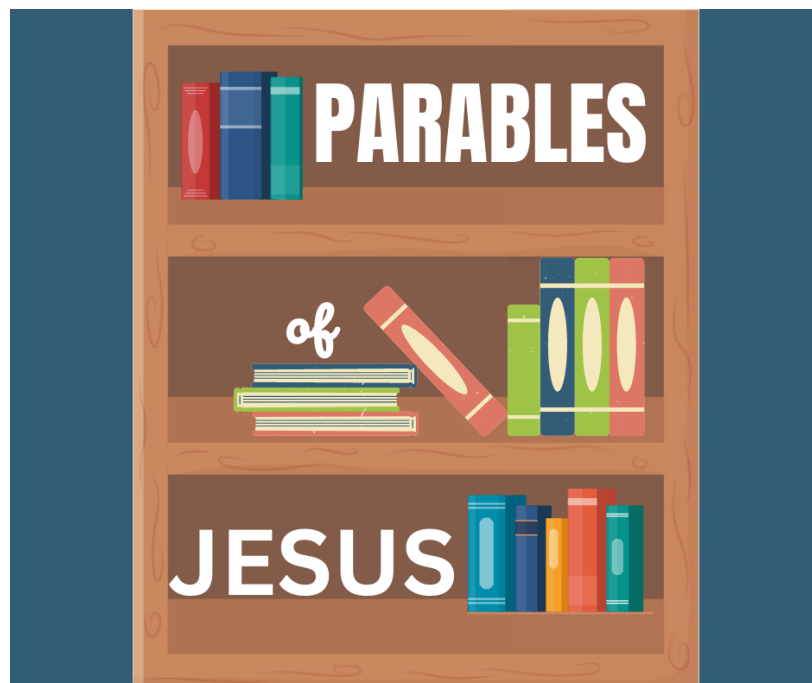




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
February 12, 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

February 12, 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. Yeast and seeds, treasure and fish, vineyards and harvest

P. These are the ordinary things that show us God.

L. A love that never ceases, a hope that cannot be quenched.

P. A creativity that designed the universe

L. These are the things that are of God.

P. Then let us worship God.

***Hymn #36 For the Fruit of All Creation**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

It seems we cannot decide, Holy God.

We say we will live to serve others,

but end up meeting only our needs.

We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,

but we do not take him to work, school, or home.

We believe that the gospel can transform lives,

(at least, for those who need it — not us).

Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

Instead of grumblers,

may we be ambassadors of grace.

Instead of continual complaining,

may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Instead of whiners,

may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***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 Readings Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Grace Isn't Fair

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in the love-kingdom of God,
through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.

We believe the love-kingdom is like a mustard seed; sown in apparent insignificance, growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.

We believe the love-kingdom is like yeast; inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life, expanding into enough bread for the world.

We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a treasure; lost and rendered insignificant under the ground, now found with joy and thanksgiving.

We believe the love-kingdom of God is like pearls; all others become insignificant when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found.

We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a net full of fish; where even insignificant sardines are saved but worm-ridden barracuda are thrown away.

We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us; where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry, rejoice with the angels of God.

Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.

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 #761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Susan Smalley

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Worship Credits: The Prayer of Confession is by Thom Shuman; The Affirmation of Faith is by Bruce Prewer, *bruceprewer.com*; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

Greeter

Sue Kalvonjian

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:

Feb. 12 through Feb. 19

SUNDAY, 2/12

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

Saxophone Quartet Concert 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 2/13

UKirk Meal 6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 12/14

Session 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/15

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

Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Community Connections 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/16

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2/19

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Mardi Gras Lunch 11:15 a.m.

Souper Bowl of Caring, February 12th

"Even as we prepare to watch a football game, Lord, let us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Those words of a prayer at a Presbyterian Church in South Carolina started a movement. Today, we will be taking part in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This youth inspired movement began in 1990, and has raised over \$170 million dollars to fight hunger over the past 30 years. Last year alone, over \$10 million dollars was collected and the monies stay local and go directly to those tackling hunger.

Eastminster's collection will once again go to MSU Student Food Bank. MSU Student Food Bank serves food insecure students and their families and our collection can help them continue those efforts. How can you give?

- 1) Send a check to the church made to Eastminster (memo line Souper Bowl)
- 2) Give online using the special offerings option on online giving menu
- 3) Drop a check or cash in soup pots at the door after worship on Feb 12

Directory Update

We are updating the church member directory and will email it out this month. If you have any changes to your contact information since last August, please let us know.

Mardi Gras Lunch

On Sunday, February 19th after worship we will be having a Mardi Gras lunch in the fellowship hall! Join us for good food and lots of fun!



Saxophone Quartet Concert

Sound Session, a saxophone quartet, will be performing “Coming Home” at Eastminster as part of our concert series. The concert begins at 3 p.m. TODAY and is described as “A sonic description of the joy and connection felt upon return.” The quartet features Matt Fox, soprano saxophone; Jacob Nance, alto saxophone; Jeffrey Allardyce, tenor saxophone; and Tyler Young, baritone saxophone.

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 the end of the month 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

Enjoying our Fellowship Hour? We Need Volunteers!

One or two volunteers are needed to set up and take down Fellowship on **February 26, March 5 and March 12**. All supplies are provided and instructions are in the kitchen. Or, you can be creative and bring your own goodies for everyone to enjoy! Please contact Beverly Bonning to volunteer or use the sign-up sheet located on the Narthex table. Thank you!

Eastminster Church Officers

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Mike Brown	Sulin Campbell
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