



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
August 6, 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 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.



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.

** 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

August 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Welcoming Neil back from Sabbatical

***Call to Worship**

L. In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,

P. We seek God.

L. In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,

P. We seek God.

L. In the questions, in the wrestling, in the shadows,

P. We seek God.

L. In this time, in this place, with each other,

P. We seek God.

L. Even as we seek, let us worship God.

***Hymn #694 Great God of Every Blessing**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*God of compassion, we confess that we are broken.
We have wrestled all night with worry
instead of resting in you.
We have asserted our own goodness*

instead of awakening to yours.

We have turned away those hungry for your help

instead of trusting you and feeding them.

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to

hold onto you. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #19** God of Great and God of Small

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,

God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,

alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

***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 Romans 9:1-5

Scripture Reading Genesis 32:21-31

Sermon "What Is Your Name?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats. Please ask if you need gluten-free bread.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

Worship Leader: Maddy Trimby

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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Today we welcome The Reverend Dr. James D. Hegedus! He earned his Doctor of Ministry degree in Parish Revitalization from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. He has been married to Kris, a practicing psychologist, for nearly 33 years. Together they have two grown and recently married children, Alex, who has a PhD in Space Sciences and Scientific Computing from the University of Michigan and is a research scientist at Stanford Research Institute in Ann Arbor, and Stephanie, who earned a Master of Flute Performance at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Stephanie served as Music Administrator at the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church and is now living in Short Hills, NJ teaching flute and performing for the Flint Symphony. Jim and Kris have three cats! He is recently retired, having served at Jackson's First Presbyterian Church for 22 years. Jim hikes, plays golf badly, plays the piano and ukulele for fun, and is an accomplished home-brewer who likes to share with others!



Ushers

Head Usher: Barb Stowitts

Greeter

Irv Nichols

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Linda and Tom Hardenbergh to welcome Neil Myer back from Sabbatical.

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:

Aug. 6 through Aug. 13, 2023

SUNDAY, 8/6

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 8/7

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 8/10

Infrastructure Meeting 2:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8/13

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

Kristin is on vacation and will return Aug. 10.

UKirk Needs Books

UKirk is running low on books for their Book Project. We need books for preschool through elementary age children. You can help by donating new or gently-used books. How? Easy!!

1. Collect age-appropriate books and drop them at church during normal office hours or Sunday morning. You will find a well marked bin in the narthex.
2. Go to the UKirk website at <https://www.ukirkmsu.org/bookproject.html> for details on how to order the books and have them delivered directly to the church.
3. Donate money on the Eastminster or UKirk website and designate your gift in the comments section.

Once our inventory is replenished the UKirk students can sort and distribute more books. As always, we thank you for your support.

Lansing Lugnuts Game, Saturday August 19th at 7:05pm



Eastminster is going to a Lugnuts Game on Saturday, August 19th! The Lugnuts are playing the Great Lake Loons and there will be fireworks after. If you'd like a ticket please contact the church office (office@eastminsterchurch.org).

Advent House

We will be taking meals to Advent House at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday. If you signed up to bring a meal, please have it here by then or you can bring it in during office hours on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PageTurners

PageTurners is not meeting this month, but they have chosen books for the rest of the year. Here are the books to read if you want to join the 10 a.m. discussions on the second Saturdays of the month.

Sept. 9: "The Family Across the Street" by Nicole Trope

Oct. 14: "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

Nov. 11: "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Women's Retreat

Eastminster is participating in a joint Women's Retreat with The Peoples Church. The retreat will be at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt on Friday, September 22 and Saturday September 23rd. Join us for conversation, fellowship and worship. The presenter is Shannon Craig-Snell, a Presbyterian minister and Professor of Theology at Louisville Seminary. The theme is Serving God with our Whole Selves. The cost is \$120 single occupancy or \$105 (per person) double occupancy. If you would like to register contact the church office (office@eastminsterchurch.org). Scholarships are available upon request.

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