



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
August 13, 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 13, 2023

10:00

a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

L. We gather today to worship the One who created us,

P. The One who calls us,

L. The One who equips us,

P. The One who loves us without end.

L. With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Opening Video

***Hymn #33** Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of light, wellspring of inexhaustible energy, exuberance, and love, we have been content with limited horizons; we expect only the commonplace: sickness, tragedy, frustration, ignorance. We do not expect the miraculous and the sacred, joy and creative strength. We acknowledge that this is how we are: awake to life's crudeness and asleep to its holiness. O God, never let us close our minds to the varied ways in which you can reach us. Forgive us when our hope is dulled by habit and

our vision dimmed by contentment. Grant us great expectations, openness, and vigilance, that we may see and follow in your ways; through Jesus Christ. 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 Matthew 7:24-29

Sermon Foundation

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Ordination and Installation of Officers

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 #463** How Firm a Foundation

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sue Kalvonjian

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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Ushers

Head Usher: Barb Stowitts; Ruth Hartwig

Greeter

Sue Miller

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Hubert and Rhoda Hagan, Ted's parents.

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. 13 through Aug. 20, 2023

SUNDAY, 8/13

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 8/14

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 8/15

Session	7:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY, 8/17

Religious Advisors Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 8/19

Lugnuts Baseball Game	7:05 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 8/20

Outdoor Worship	10:00 a.m.
Bring-your-own picnic	11:00 a.m.

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. Heather Myer will have tickets available to pick up at the church today. **Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.** Tickets are \$11 each.



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 Craigo-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.

Outdoor Worship

Join us for outdoor worship on Aug. 20. Bring your own picnic to enjoy with your Eastminster family after the service. Blessing of the backpacks will take place during this worship service. We will have a special prayer and liturgy for our children, students, teachers, parents, school professionals and administrators as they prepare to begin their 2023-2024 academic calendars.

RDC Welcome Kits

Help us welcome new immigrants to the area. Pick up a card in the Green Room that shares things needed to fill welcome kits that are distributed to refugees being placed in homes in the area.



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster.