



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
October 29, 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](http://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

October 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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## **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 remember  
the saints who have gone before us  
and the saints who still surround us.

*P. We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.*

L. We gather today as bereaved and grieving people,  
as hopeful and healing people.

*P. We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.*

L. We gather today to proclaim  
the mysteries of our faith  
and our faith in the God of mystery.

*P. We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.*

L. Come, let us gather for worship  
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

*P. Come, let us worship the God of life and love.*

**\*Hymn #366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*If we have placed our only hope in the things we can see and touch, and have denied ourselves that greater hope in the glory of things unseen, Lord have mercy. If we have chosen to grieve our losses with the bitterness of those who weep without hope or faith, Christ have mercy. If we have put the saints on pious pedestals, and disregarded our own capacity to grow in the love of God, Lord have mercy. Thank you for the many saints you have sent to inspire us. Thank you for the promise that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is. Hear now our silent confession.*

### **\*Silent Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Sung Response #36**

*For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.*

*For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.*

*For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
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 Reading**      Revelation 7:9-17

### **Sermon**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection**

#### **Remembrance of the Saints**

*Hymn #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm will be sung throughout the litany.*

Eternal God,  
our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
***we praise you for the saints of all times and places  
who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.***  
For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice,  
for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance,  
we give you thanks and praise.

Hymn #731, Verse 1

***Give thanks for those whose faith is firm  
when all around seems bleak:  
on God's good promise they rely,  
so while they live and when they die  
how forcefully they speak:  
the strong, who once were weak!***

God of all creation,  
***we praise you for all your servants  
who have witnessed to your truth,  
who have shown us your love,  
who have inspired us to have hope.***  
By their example of faith, hope, and love,  
remind us of your calling to join in making  
your new creation real in this world and the next.

Hymn #731, Verse 2

***Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,  
beyond mere mortal sight:***

*who seek the city God has planned,  
the true, eternal promised land,  
and steer on toward that light,  
a beacon ever bright.*

God of grace and peace,  
*we praise you for all those  
who reflect your love into our world.*  
Guide us to continue their faithful work  
as we too walk in the light of your love.

Hymn #731, Verse 3

*Give thanks for those whose love is pure,  
a sparkling precious stone:  
they show by what they say and do  
an inward beauty, warm and true,  
for God's concerns they own:  
God's love through them is known.*

God of all saints,  
today we especially remember the saints  
from among this church community  
who have departed our company over the past year.

*In remembrance of the saints of Eastminster Presbyterian who joined the  
church triumphant since our last celebration of All Saints Day.*

Tom Hazlett	January 1, 1928 - February 20, 2023
Brenda Rustem	July 23, 1945 - April 5, 2023
Larry Hartwig	November 10, 1947 - April 12, 2023
Maxine Cleary	July 24, 1933 - July 20, 2023
Judy Dunn	March 2, 1941 - August 13, 2023
Pat Hagan	August 26, 1932 - October 6, 2023
Frank Moss	June 28, 1932 - October 8, 2023

We thank you for their faithful witness  
for their courage amidst strife  
and their hope in the face of death.

We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us,  
and we name those who were loved by members of this community

Glenn Kleine, *Bob Kleine's brother*  
Mary Kleine, *Bob Kleine's mother*  
Robert Brown, *Mike Brown's father*  
Susan Walter, *Bob Walter's daughter*  
James Foulkrod, *Eric Foulkrod's father*

and we leave silence for those unnamed  
and those known only to you.

Eternal God,  
**as we walk this pilgrim way,**  
**make our faith firm,**  
**our hope clear,**  
**and our love pure,**  
that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #731, Verse 4

*Give thanks for saints of ages past  
and saints alive today:  
though often by this world despised,  
their hearts by God are richly prized.  
Give thanks that we may say  
we share their pilgrim way.*

**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 #326** For All the Saints

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Brian Heitman

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Brenda Ramsby

**Greeter**

Sue Miller

**Livestream**

Heather Myer, Linda Hardenbergh

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ted Hagan in memory of Rolland Buck Bethards.

**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:**

*Oct. 29 through Nov. 5, 2023*

### **SUNDAY, 10/29**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Children in Worship	11:00 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 10/30**

Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
CCR Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 10/31**

Chorale Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
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### **WEDNESDAY, 11/1**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Frank Moss Memorial	2:00 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, 11/2**

Infrastructure Mtg.	10:00 a.m.
Light & Battery Change Day	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Dinner & Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, 11/3**

UKirk Trivia Night	7:00 p.m.
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### **SUNDAY, 11/5 FALL BACK Saturday Night**

Worship—Kids Lead	10:00 a.m.
Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert	3:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

## **UKirk at MSU News**

It's that time of year when we turn to thoughts of holidays, football, and trivia. Yes, trivia. [UKirk at MSU](#) is hosting their annual Trivia Night Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will take place at Okemos Presbyterian Church.



Yes, there will be a silent auction!

Yes, you can bid on items on-line!

Yes you can sponsor a table for \$120!

Yes, you can sponsor a round for \$100!

Auction items are on display in the Green Room today or you can bid online. For more details see Neil Myer or Norm Mackay.

## **Frank Moss Memorial Service**

We will be holding a celebration of life for Frank Moss on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.

## **Help Needed!**

Are you willing to feed hungry UKirk students? We need people to bring meals every Thursday night. Please let Norm Mackay know if you can help.

## **Welcome Kits**

We have put out the cards for items needed for October's welcome kits. If you pick up a card, please return the items by the end of the month.

## Children in Worship



Children and middle school youth along with their parents are invited to the lower level today after worship as we prepare to lead worship next Sunday.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

We have all ten baskets covered—thank you! We do still need more volunteers to do deliveries. If you want to volunteer, sign up on the sheet outside the main office.



## Stewardship

We have mailed out 2024 pledge cards to all our regular attendees. Our budgeting process is greatly helped by receiving your pledge cards. You can pledge by returning that card or by going to our website. We also have extra pledge cards in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

**Church Work Day:** Thursday, November 2nd beginning at 10am

If you are able, please come on Thursday November 2nd to help with replacing batteries in the bathrooms and changing out lightbulbs around the church building. The more hands we have the quicker it will get done!

# Interfaith Gathering of Solidarity and Hope



NOVEMBER 16, 2023

7 P.M.

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1315 ABBOT RD, EAST LANSING

Sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

During the service, offerings will be taken of supportive letters to our Jewish and Muslim neighbors as well as financial gifts to help with increased security costs of Jewish and Muslim houses of worship in our community.

## **“Jesus & John Wayne, and the Evangelical Reckoning”**

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. People’s Church**



The Peoples Church is hosting Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Memorial Lecture. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and Professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. She holds a PhD from the University of Notre Dame and her research focuses on the intersection of gender, religion, and politics. She has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, NBC News, Religion News Service, and Christianity Today, and has been interviewed on NPR, CBS, and the BBC, among other outlets. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.'

## **Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert: Nov. 5**

Rachel Gates will be performing a cabaret concert at Eastminster at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. The concert is titled “So This is Love” and will feature Jeff English on piano, Rachel’s husband on drums and 14-year-old daughter on double-bass. It will be the first time the family performs together in this eclectic cabaret of music.



Dr. Gates is a soprano, opera director and vocal health specialist who has sung in Germany, Russia, Italy and throughout the United States. She currently teaches voice at Grand Valley State University and public speaking at MSU. She is the author of “The Owner’s Manual to the Voice: A Guide for Singers and Other Professional Voice Users.”

## **Elders**

### **Class of 2024**

Ron Davis

Mike Brown

Linda Hardenbergh

### **Class of 2025**

Mary Lou Clifton

Susan Smalley

### **Class of 2026**

Heather Heitman

Sam O'Neill

Charlotte Smith

## **Deacons**

### **Class of 2024**

Beverly Bonning\*

Suzanne Hunt

Cindy Nixon

### **Class of 2025**

Sulin Campbell

Barb Dalzell

Jeff Lapinski

### **Class of 2026**

Estelle McGroarty

Sue Kalvonjian

Brenda Ramsby

\*Moderator



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