



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 12, 2023



HELP
THANKS
WOW

Three simple yet powerful prayers

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

November 12, 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 come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

P. We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

L. We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

P. We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

L. Let us worship God.

***Hymn #645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, our first prayer as an infant is “help!” We know how to cry out for milk or a diaper change. But somewhere along the way we grow up and start buying into the myth that if we are educated enough, rich enough, powerful enough, we don’t need help. The truth is we all need help. We will always need help. So help us to relearn how to pray. With words or tears or whispers, to say help. Help us, God.

***Silent Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #447 We Are Forgiven

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.

***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 Psalm 121

Sermon The Three Essentials Prayer: Help

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Sung Response #472 Kum ba Yah

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 #465** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Norm Mackay

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Ushers

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Video Producer

Mike Brown

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by the Myers in honor of Lacy's 11th birthday.

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:

November 12 through November 19, 2023

SUNDAY, 11/12

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Guest Speaker from the Refugee Development Center	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.
Organ Concert	3:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, 11/13

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

TUESDAY, 11/14

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11/15

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Community Connections Meeting	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11/9

Interfaith Service	7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 11/19

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Faith Formation	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:30 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.

Organ Concert

Dale Voelker will be performing an organ concert at 3 p.m. today. All are welcome.

Refugee Development Center

Each month we pack welcome kits for the Refugee Development Sunday. Erika Brown Binion, the executive director, will join us after worship today to talk about the work they do at the RDC.

“Jesus & John Wayne, and the Evangelical Reckoning”



TODAY, 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. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.'

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.