



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
November 5, 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

November 5, 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: Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart

*P: for they will see God.*

L: Blessed are the peacemakers

*P: for they will be called children of God"*

*All: Let us worship the Prince of Peace*

### **\*Hymn #757      Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

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

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

*Dear God, we know this prayer of confession  
is our time to say we're sorry.*

*We are trying, we're learning,  
we are human and we make mistakes.*

*Please forgive us God,  
for speaking before we think  
and sometimes saying  
and doing things we shouldn't.*

*We apologize for saying mean things  
to people that get on our nerves,  
because it feels good at the time.*

*We ask you to forgive us O God  
for the times when we have been impatient  
and unkind with others  
and forgetful about the things you have taught us.  
The world around us is a lot and even though we try,  
it is hard to find and practice peace.  
Help us to keep trying, and lead us  
in your way of love, hope and peace.*

**\*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**

**Moment for Grownups**

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture Reading Matthew 5:8-10 and John 14:1, 25-27

### Reflections

Sung Response #469 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### Hymn #507 Come to the Table of Grace

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

F C Dm F7/C B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)

C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

F/A B $\flat$  F/C C7 F B $\flat$  F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

3 Come to the table of love...

4 Come to the table of hope...

5 Come to the table of joy...

## **Communion**

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 #765**      May the God of Hope Go With Us

**\*Charge & Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Worship Leaders: Children and Youth

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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## **Ushers**

Head Usher: Beverly Bonning; Jeff Lapinski

## **Greeter**

Mary Lou Clifton

## **Video Producers**

Susan Smalley, Linda Hardenbergh

## **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Tom and Linda Hardenbergh in memory of Clay Hardenbergh.

## **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 5 through November 12, 2023*

### **SUNDAY, 11/5**

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

### **MONDAY, 11/6**

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

### **TUESDAY, 11/7 Election Day**

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
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### **WEDNESDAY, 11/8**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

### **THURSDAY, 11/9**

UKirk Dinner and Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, 11/11**

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, 11/12**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
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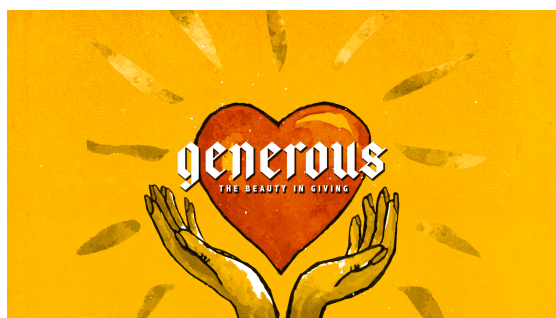
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.
Organ Concert	3:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.

## **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.

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

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



## **Stewardship**

It is not too late to turn in your 2024 pledge cards! You can email the church office with your pledge, fill one out online or grab an extra pledge card from the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Organ Concert**

Dale Voelker will be performing an organ concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. All are welcome.

## **Refugee Development Center**

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



# 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. Today, 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.”