



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
April 27, 2025



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.

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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There are offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

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
April 27, 2025 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**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ

***ALL: But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.***

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

***ALL: But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.***

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

***ALL: But we have been called
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.***

***Hymn #254** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

***Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction
and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We
have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We
have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side
and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and***

assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***Passing of the Peace**

(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 150 Old Testament, p. 551

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 New Testament, pp. 108-109

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Recognition of Charter and Fifty Year Members

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

***Hymn #231** Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

***Sabbatical Leave-Taking**

Leader: Holy God, you create us, call us, and sustain us in our lives and in our work. We look forward to experiencing how God will be at work in Kristin and in this congregation during this sabbatical time. We are committed to faithfully serving with compassion, energy, creativity and love.

ALL: We will remember Kristin in our hearts in the coming months praying that God will refresh her in body, renew her in mind, and refill her heart with the depths of God's love. We entrust Kristin to God's care during this period of pilgrimage and wish her the rich and wonderful blessing that emerges from time set apart. For all these things we pray in the name of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Jeff Lapinski

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: April 27-May 4

SUNDAY, 4/27

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Capital City Ringers Concert	4:00 p.m.
MONDAY, 4/28	
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 5/1	
20s/30s/40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 5/4	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Renaissance Singers	4:00 p.m.



Capital City Ringers

The Capital City Ringers (an ensemble of which our pastor is a member) will be performing one of their spring concerts at Eastminster today at 4 p.m. The concert is called “Music in Motion.”

Sabbatical

Kristin will be on sabbatical from April 28-July 27 and will be completely out of touch during that time. As part of her sabbatical Kristin will be walking the Camino Frances, a spiritual pilgrimage. We are inviting folks to sign up in the narthex to pray for her each day while she is walking.

During her sabbatical, pastoral care will be covered by Neil Myer, our deacons as well as local pastors. If you have a pastoral care need you'll be able to call the church office and get connected with someone. Worship leadership will be varied and will include Rev. Shirley Paxton, Neil Myer, members of our congregation, and a few guest preachers.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to elders on the Session who have been hard at work preparing for this time.

Worship leadership for May:

May 4: Rev. Shirley Paxton

May 11: Rev. Penny Swartz

May 18: Rev. Shirley Paxton

May 25: Hymn Sing

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is Saturday, May 10th. You can sign up to make a casserole in the narthex. Thank you for helping!

Hope in Action

The next Hope in Action will be Friday, May 16th beginning at 6pm at First Presbyterian Church of Holt (2021 Aurelius Road, Holt). This is an opportunity to gather with the Lansing Area Presbyterian churches to respond to current events. Gathering time will be from 6-6:30pm, a Potluck from 6:30-7:15pm, Worship from 7:15-7:45pm, and Action from 7:45-8:30pm.

Charter Member

The Presbytery of Lansing chartered Eastminster Presbyterian Church April 14, 1957, 67 years ago. The petition to the presbytery included the signatures of 126 persons. This current member signed our church's charter:

Phyllis Irwin

50-Year Members

In addition to our Charter Member, today we recognize and honor those persons who have been members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more.

Irv Nichols	03-31-1958
Ted Hagan	09-29-1961
Virginia Allen	12-05-1965
Cynthia DiBello	06-01-1964
George Miller	02-01-1968
Sue Miller	02-01-1968
Jim Engelkes	11-01-1969
Elaine Cable	11-29-1970
Mary Jo Shankland	04-26-1970
Robert Cullum	03-12-1972
Connie Cullum	03-12-1972
Dave Merchant	01-07-1973
Mary Ann Merchant	01-07-1973
Barbara Lowes	03-04-1973
Bruce Augenstein	12-01-1974



Easter Flower Dedications 2025

Donated by:	In memory of:
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
Dan and Judy Dickinson	Emory and Mary Bates William and Maxine Dickinson
Tom and Linda Hardenbergh	Our parents, Clark & Ellen Grant Clayt & Beki Hardenbergh
Chase and Suzanne Hunt	David Hunt Elizabeth Joanne Stein
Patsy King	Douglas King
Robert Nees	Mary K. Hodges-Nees
Irv Nichols	Christy Nichols
Shirley Paxton	Bill Paxton
Donated by:	In honor of:
Shirley Paxton	Kristin Stroble