



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
April 6, 2025**



WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshipping 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 6, 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: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,

ALL: *who calls us each by name,*

One: who restores our soul,

ALL: *who grants us rest,*

One: who leads us in paths of righteousness and justice,

ALL: *and whose goodness and love encircles us.*

One: Let us worship and praise our God.

***Hymn #509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Holy One, forgive us for always wanting more. Forgive us for failing to trust that you are enough.

God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters.

Forgive us for not spending enough time with you, God. For not stopping to enjoy your creation and our life.

God restores my soul. God leads me in right paths for God's sake.

Forgive us for making our own paths rather than following yours.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Forgive us for refusing your comfort and care. Forgive us for acting out of fear instead of trust.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Forgive us for the ways we have turned our back on our neighbor, ignored the needs of others, or held back forgiveness.

***Silent Confession**

***Kyrie #551**

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Chord symbols: F, C, F, B \flat , C, F, (A) C, (D/F \sharp) F/A, (F \sharp m) Am, (G) B \flat , (A) (Bm) C Dm, (G) B \flat , (D) F, (A) (Bm) C Dm, (Em7) Gm7, (A) (Dsus) C Fsus, (D) F.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

***Words of Forgiveness**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Special Music The Evening Prayer from *Hansel and Gretel* -Humperdinck

*When at night I go to sleep
Fourteen angels watch do keep.
Two my head are guarding
Two my feet are guiding,
Two are on my right hand
Two are on my left hand,
Two who warmly cover
Two who o'er me hover,
Two to whom tis given to guide my steps to Heaven.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Sermon Pausing for Community

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Unison Reading** Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Communion

Invitation to the Table

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 may be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Rebecca Dean

Children's Message: Mike Brown

Special Music: Sulin Campbell and Sara Weeden

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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The Daily Examen

This practice is a way to reflect on our day, see God's presence, and to discern God's direction for us. You can do this practice alone or with others.

1. Settle into a comfortable spot and come into God's presence with silence or with a simple affirmation: "God, I'm here." Some find it helpful to light a candle.
2. Recall the day silently for a few minutes or if you are doing this with others, name the events of the day.
3. Review the day more deeply. Be with whatever you feel without trying to change or fix it in any way. Ask yourself:
 - a. Where did I notice God's presence?
 - b. When did I feel the most alive?
 - c. When did I have the greatest sense of belonging — to myself, to others, to creation, and to God?
 - d. Where or when didn't I feel the presence of God?
 - e. Where did I lack joy or peace?
 - f. What was the low point?
4. Give thanks for what you have experienced. Consider where God is calling you to grow in this. Accept God's tenderness.
5. Look ahead to the next day and the opportunities it may offer you to experience God's presence in your life. Express your hopes for the day to God. In what ways can you share God's love with another?

Usher

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Video Producer

Mike Brown

Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God.

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

Pastor

Rev. Shirley Paxton

Parish Advisor

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Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman

Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *April 6-April 13*

SUNDAY, 4/6

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 4/7

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 4/8

Chorale Ensemble 10:00 a.m.

Session 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4/9

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

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 4/10

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/11

Islamic Center Visit 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 4/12

Advent House 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 4/13 Palm Sunday

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.

Islamic Center Visit

Eastminster is invited for a time of interfaith engagement with our neighbors at the Islamic Center of East Lansing on Friday, April 11. The evening begins at 6 pm with dinner, followed by interfaith learning. Imam Sohail Chaudry will teach about the five pillars of Islam, Rev. Kristin Stroble will teach about Holy Week and there will be time for Q and A. We enjoyed hosting our neighbors last spring and appreciate this return invite. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Collected from March 5 to April 20, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



Sabbatical

Rev. Kristin Stroble will be on Sabbatical from April 28 to July 28. During that time, she will be unavailable by phone, email or in person. Watch for information about special services, celebrations and events that will take place while she is gone, including hymn sings, outdoor worship and congregation-led services.



Easter Lilies

Easter lilies are coming soon to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter! Would you like to make a dedication? A list of memorials/honoraria will be in the bulletin on April 20 and April 27. Please complete the form in the Narthex and return it with a check to the Office or drop it in the collection plate, noting that the check is for Easter flowers. Please submit your order by **Monday, April 14**. Please note that this is only for a dedication. You will not be able to take the flowers home. Thank you! You can also place a dedication on our website.

Holt Church Looking for Office Support

FPC-Holt is currently seeking a person from outside their congregation to fill their Office Support position. If you know of someone looking for part-time employment who you believe would be a good fit, please have them contact FPC-Holt at 517-694-8151 or email office@fpc-holt.org. Questions about the position may also be directed to Susan Land at 517-927-5402 or sland1225@comcast.net.



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