



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
January 18, 2026**



Inspired

Finding new ways to love the Bible

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.

In the pew racks there are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the plate during the offering. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There is an offering time during the worship service. You can also give online on our website or by 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

January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“But be warned. In Scripture, and in life, the road to deliverance nearly always takes a detour. Rarely do the people of God reach any kind of promised land without a journey or two through the wilderness.”

-Rachel Held Evans

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

One: In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

ALL: With unsettled questions in our hearts,

One: With the mystery of God enshrouding us,

ALL: Coming together as a people whom Jesus calls into community,

One: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #401 Here in This Place**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*God of mystery and might,
we turn to you in hope and faith.*

But faith can be so difficult.

Your scriptures often seem like a bundle of contradictions.

Your ways are not our ways, and they confound us.

*Forgive us when we try to make you small,
so that you are more comfortable to us,
simple, easy for our human minds to grasp.*

*Forgive us when we reduce you and your word to cliches,
rather than taking the time to learn your word,
or to revel in your complexity.*

Stir in us a desire to grow as disciples.

Make us more comfortable in our lack of certainty.

*Teach us to celebrate your mystery and grandeur,
that we might bring you joy.*

*Silent Confession

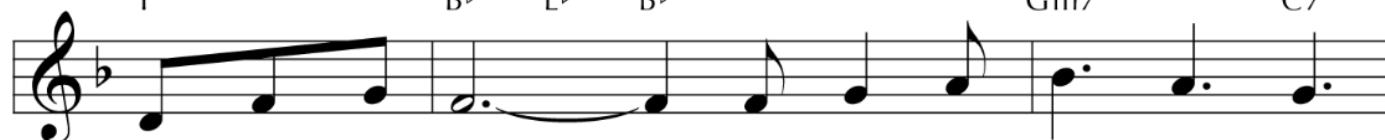
*Words of Forgiveness

*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, 7 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, 7 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, 7 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 Message

Sung Prayer for Illumination #469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Scripture Reading Psalm 63:1-8

Old Testament, p. 498

Scripture Reading Genesis 21:8-21

Old Testament, p. 16

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Offering of Resources and Prayer

Financial offerings support the ministry and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. You can also place prayer requests (cards are in the pew racks) in the offering plate.

***Doxology #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

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 #756 O God of Every Nation**

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Heather Heitman

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Worship Credits: The call to worship is by Beth Merrill Neal from her blog holdfasttowhatisgood.com; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Sacha Roennecke

Greeter

Estelle McGroarty

Video Producer

Robin Bell

Fellowship

Emmanuel Yewah

Flowers

Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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, DMA

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *Jan 18th-25th*

SUNDAY, 1/18

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult/Children Education 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/19

Girl Scout Troop Meeting 4:30 p.m.

CCR Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/20

LMM Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

Scheduled Power Outage 4:00 p.m.

UKirk Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/21

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Community Connections Meeting	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/22

Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 1/25

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult/Children Education	11:15 a.m.
"1946" Documentary Screening	4:00 p.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held Feb. 1 immediately after worship. If you have any photos from church events throughout the year, we would love to have you share them to help tell the story of Eastminster in 2025.

Greater Lansing Food Bank

During the month of January, Eastminster will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Items most needed include cooking oil, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, beans, rice, pasta, canned soup, boxed dinners, and baby food or formula. Donations can be dropped off in the Green Room.

The Greater Lansing Food Bank has led mid-Michigan's fight against hunger since 1981, serving families and neighbors across a seven-county area to ensure access to nutritious food that supports health and well-being. Thank you for helping us care for our community.

New Pew Racks

A special thank you to Bob Nees for designing, building and installing our new pew racks. In the coming weeks they will be filled with prayer cards, giving envelopes, tissue, pencils and similar items.

Inspired Books

We have started a new sermon series, "Inspired: Finding New Ways to Love the Bible." This series is based on the book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. See Kristin if you would like a copy of the book for \$10.

Join a Bible Study

We have two weekly Bible Studies that more deeply explore each week's sermon topic. If you are interested in attending, the Men's Bible Study meets at 8 a.m. every Wednesday. The second (unnamed) Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Both meet in the Green Room and you are welcome to join.

1946 Documentary Screening

On Sunday, January 25th, several Lansing area churches, including ours, are partnering together to show the documentary 1946. This documentary follows the story of researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. We will watch the movie at 4pm and afterwards have dinner and table discussions. Join us and our neighbors at University Lutheran Church (1020 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing) for this event.

Women's Retreat

We will be joining together with The Peoples Church again for a Women's Retreat on February 27-28 at St Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt. Rebecca Mattern will be the retreat leader and the theme will be "Holy Paths: Discovering God Along the Way." Join as we reflect, observe, and discern the holy throughout our life's journeys. The cost will be \$100 per person.

Scheduled Power Outage

The Board of Water and Light will be doing upgrades and so has scheduled a power outage to the church on Tuesday, January 20th at 4pm.

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is February 14th. Sign up in the narthex.



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.

You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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