



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
February 1, 2026

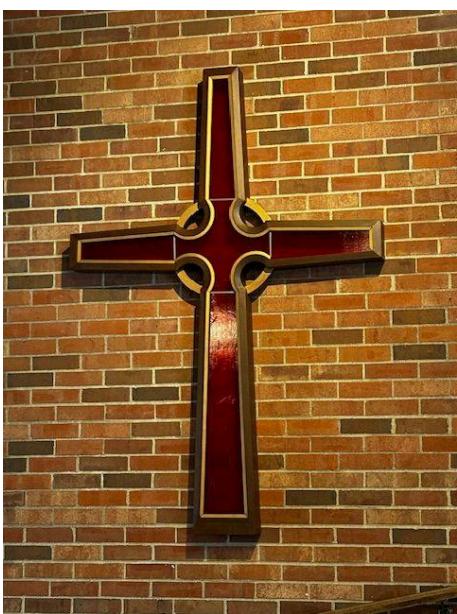
**Inspired**

*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](http://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

February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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*"The aim of wisdom literature is to uncover something true about the nature of reality in a way that makes the reader or listener wiser. In the Bible, wisdom is rarely presented as a single decision, belief, or rule, but rather as a 'way' or 'path' that the sojourner must continually discern amid the twists and turns of life."*

*-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: What brings joy?

***ALL: Where do I go from here?***

One: What is our purpose?

***ALL: What invites wonder?***

One: What needs to change?

***ALL: What is wisdom***

One: Holding fast to the questions of our faith,  
with the mystery of God around us,

***ALL: Let us worship God.***

### \*Hymn #174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

### \*Call to Confession

## \*Prayer of Confession

*We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own.*

*We turn away from the ideas of others  
and ignore the possibility and promise that come  
from life together with you.*

*Most of all,*

*we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention,  
for we believe that we know better  
or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome.*

*Forgive us, loving God.*

*Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you,  
and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you.*

*Show us how to walk in your ways  
and listen to your promise each and every day.*

## \*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) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (C) E<sup>b</sup> (G) B<sup>b</sup> (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7

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

(A7) C7 (D) F (F#) (Bm) A Dm

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

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

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, G clef, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

- Staff 1: Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your
- Staff 2: Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
- Staff 3: pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

**Scripture Reading** Proverbs 1:1-7

Old Testament, p. 551

**Scripture Reading** Job 1:1, 2:1-13

Old Testament, p.p. 429, 430

**Sermon** Wisdom Stories

## **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**

### **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 #450 Be Thou My Vision**

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

### **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Amanda Lanier

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Communion Servers: Emmanuel Yewah, Suzanne Hunt, Sara Weeden, Norm Mackay

Worship Credits: The Prayer of Confession is by Andy James and posted on LiturgyLink; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

### **Usher**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski

### **Greeter**

Heather Heitman

### **Video Producer**

Heather Myer

### **Fellowship**

Beverly Bonning

### **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: Feb. 1-8**

### **SUNDAY, 2/1**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting	11:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:15 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 2/2**

Staff Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Girl Scout Troop Meeting	4:30 p.m.
CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 2/3**

LMM Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Infrastructure Meeting	6:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 2/4**

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

### **THURSDAY, 2/5**

Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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### **SATURDAY, 2/7**

Cocoa, Snowbuilding, & Games	1:00 p.m.
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### **SUNDAY, 2/8**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately after worship. We will be voting on terms of call and nominating committee members. The annual report is available in the Narthex and on the website.

### **All-Church Lunch**

After our Annual Meeting today, join us in the Green Room for soup, chili, and salad.

## **Cocoa, Snowbuilding & Games**

Join us this Saturday from 1-3pm at the church to build snow people or keep warm inside with games and cocoa. All are welcome.

## **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. Please register by signing up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

## **Advent House**

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

## **School Break Adventures**

On February 13 and February 16 from 9am-3pm children grades K-8th are welcome to join us at the church for a day of crafts, games, stories, and more. To register please see Neil Myer.

## **Support the Global Institute of Lansing (GIL)**

GIL provides adult newcomers in our area education support to earn a high school diploma. On February 20th at 6pm they are celebrating 15 years. Show your support by attending their celebration. Get tickets on their website: <https://globalinstitutelansing.org/>



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