



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**February 8, 2026**



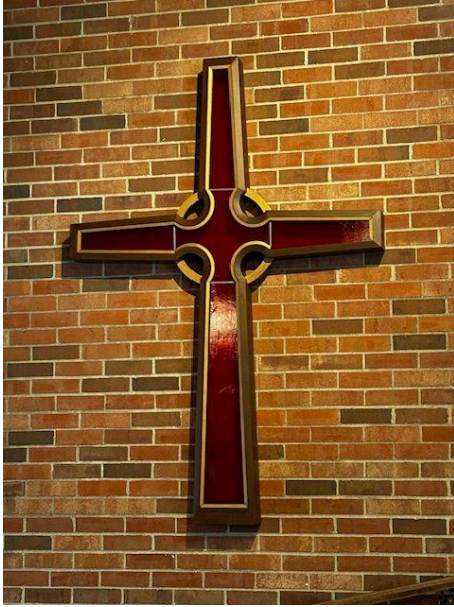
**Inspired**

*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**  
February 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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*“What I love about the Bible is that the story isn’t over. There are still prophets in our midst. There are still dragons and beasts. It might not look like it, but the Resistance is winning. The light is breaking through.”*  
*-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: Grace and peace to you from the One who is  
*ALL: and always was*  
One: and who is still to come —  
*ALL: The Alpha and Omega — the beginning and the end.*  
One: This is our God —  
*ALL: The One who loves us and who gave himself for us;*  
One: Who gathers us together in this place,  
*ALL: and bids us seek his face.*  
One: Let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn #1** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, hear our prayer:*  
*For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;*

*For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;  
 For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;  
 For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;  
 We pray for the courage to admit our fault,  
 the strength to amend our actions,  
 and the hope that your grace awaits us.  
 Through Christ we pray.*

**\*Silent Confession**

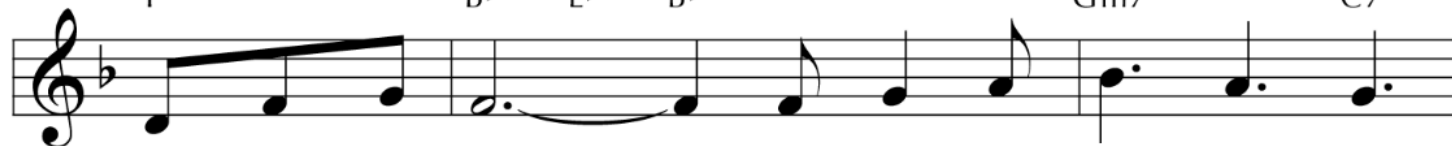
**\*Words of Forgiveness**

**\*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#) (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**

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** Luke 4:18-19

New Testament, p. 57

**Scripture Reading** Revelation 1:1-18

New Testament, pp. 230-231

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **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 pads) 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 #372    O for a World**

### **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Norm Mackay

Children's Message: Mary Lou Clifton

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Worship Credits: The prayer of confession is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What is Good'; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

## **Usher**

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

## **Greeter**

Barbara Lowes

## **Video Producer**

Mike Brown

## **Fellowship**

Sulin Campbell

## **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. 8-15**

### **SUNDAY, 2/8 Souper Bowl of Caring**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

Community Bell Ringers Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 2/9**

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, 2/10**

LMM Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 2/11**

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

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.



**THURSDAY, 2/12**

Middle Ground Gathering

7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, 2/13**

Adventures

9:00 - 3:00p.m.

**SATURDAY, 2/14**

Advent House

8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, 2/15**

Worship with UKirk

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Community Bell Ringers Rehearsal

3:30 p.m.

*Kristin will be out of the office for professional development this week.*

**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/>

## Souper Bowl of Caring



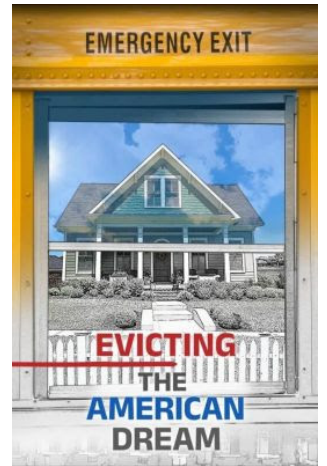
Each year during the Big Game, thousands of groups and food charities across the country come together to tackle hunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring. At Eastminster, we will be collecting money instead of our usual Cents-ability offering on Sunday, Feb. 8. In past years, money has gone to the MSU Student Food Bank.

## Evicting the American Dream

### Churchwide Study Film

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is hosting a weekly online gathering to discuss this film. This film amplifies the voices and stories of children and families confronting eviction and homelessness. This will take place each Monday in February from 7:30pm-8:45pm on Zoom. Register here:

<https://hubs.ly/Q03-cQ9p0>



## Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service will be February 18th at 7:00pm. The service will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel.



**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**