



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

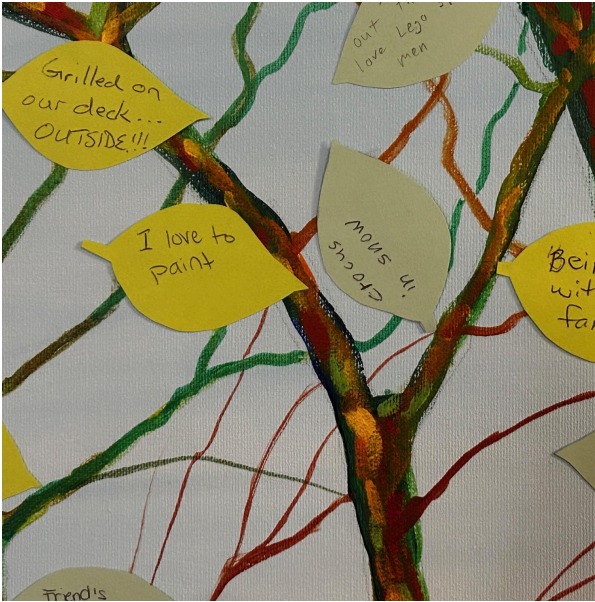
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**March 29, 2026**



# 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

March 29, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

### Children's Message

### \*Call to Worship

One: Will you follow?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you lay down something important?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you shout "Hosanna"?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you join the parade?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you cut down a palm branch and wave it in the air?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**ALL:** *We will.*

One: Hosanna in the highest!

**ALL:** *Hosanna in the highest.*

**\*Hymn #197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Jesus of Nazareth,*

*we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.*

*You marched through the streets and walked on water.*

*You laid hands on the sick*

*and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.*

*Your good news was not confined to conversation.*

*It was not confined to the Temple.*

*Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.*

*Holy God, we long for a faith like that.*

*Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith*

*to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.*

*Inspire us to love as you loved.*

*Inspire us to act.*

*With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Words of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response #448 Peace of God Be With You**

Am G F Am G F C

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Sa -  
As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. Sa -

Dm F Am G F Am

laam, sa - laam. Peace of God be with you.  
laam, sa - laam. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

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

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Mark 11:1-11

**Sermon** The good news is...inspiring us to act

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.*

*It sounds like welcome  
and feels like home.*

*It sounds like laughter  
and feels like mercy.*

*It sounds like love  
and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.*

*I have seen it alive in the world.*

*And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,*

*I remember the one who  
welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.*

*I remember the one who  
cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.*

*I remember that the good news really is good news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world.*

*Thanks be to God! Amen.*

## **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**

#### **Prayers of the People & 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 #203** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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

### **\*Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: David Duryea

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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## **Usher**

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian

## **Greeter**

Mary Harvey

## **Video Producer**

Linda Hardenbergh

## **Fellowship**

Estelle McGroarty

## **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: *March 29-April 5***

### **SUNDAY, 3/29**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Path

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Community Bell Ringers Rehearsal

3:30 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 3/30**

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, 3/31**

LMM Chorale Ensemble

11:00 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 4/1**

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

UKirk

6:30 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, 4/2**

Maundy Thursday Worship

7:00 p.m.

## **SUNDAY, 4/5 - Easter**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

### **New (temporary) office hours**

The church office administrator, Bridgette, is out on medical leave. During this time, there will be reduced office hours, which will be covered by volunteers: Monday, 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Palm Sunday Path: March 29th from 3-5 p.m.**

The Palm Sunday Path is a movement of Christians anchored in Matthew 25 values, organizing in contrast to White Christian Nationalism. On Palm Sunday, March 29th at 3 p.m. there will be a procession in Lansing from Pilgrim Church (125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing) to the Capitol. Presbyterians are invited to park at First Presbyterian, Lansing (510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing) and we will shuttle you to the start of the procession. For more information, reach out to Pastor Kristin.



### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Received during Lent (Feb. 18–April 5), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

You can give to this offering using the envelopes in the pew racks or online at Eastminster's giving page.

## **Maundy Thursday**

On April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Maundy Thursday service at Eastminster.

## **Easter Sunday Cookies**

Want to make Easter Sunday a little sweeter? We are looking for volunteers to each bring two dozen homemade or purchased cookies to church on Sunday, April 5, for Easter. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can do this.

## **Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill**

We will give thanks for Jeff's life and celebrate the promise of resurrection on Saturday, May 2, at Eastminster. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 a.m., the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., and a lunch will follow. The service will be live-streamed.

## **UKirk Trivia Night**

April 17th at 7:00 p.m. is UKirk Trivia Night! Join others from Eastminster in this fun competition. You can also sponsor a table or bid on an item in the silent auction. Tables cost \$120 or \$20 per person. More information at [ukirkmsu.org](http://ukirkmsu.org)

## **Capital City Ringers Spring Concert**

Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m., the Capital City Ringers Handbell Choir will be performing their spring concert at Eastminster. Come hear the "Handbells Rock!" show.