



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

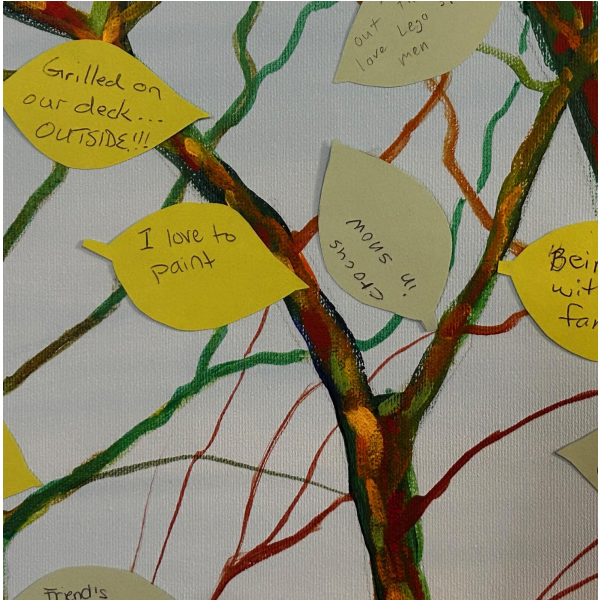
**Service for the Lord's Day
April 12, 2026**



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. 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

April 12, 2026

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: Lord God, you made me and know me.

ALL: *Convince me, O God -*

One: that the contradictions in me are the beauty in you.

ALL: *Convince me, O God -*

One: to love all parts of me as you do.

ALL: *Convince me, O God, that heart and mind are integral parts of who I am. And who I am is loved by you.*

*Hymn #231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and community, we confess that we have often failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are often a people divided against ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change so we might be open to a future in which we can be changed. Help us to grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In our end is our beginning;

in our time, infinity;

in our doubt there is believing;

in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;

at the last, a victory,

unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-31

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40

Sermon Heart & Head

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Recognition of Charter and Fifty Year Members

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 #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Josh Vermaas

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

Greeter

Barbara Lowes

Video Producer

Brian Heitman

Fellowship

Sulin Campbell

Flowers

The flowers are given by Ruth Hartwig in memory of Larry Hartwig.

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: *April 12 - April 19*

SUNDAY, 4/12

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 4/13

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, 4/14

LMM Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4/15

UKirk 6:30 p.m.

Community Connections 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 4/16

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/17

UKirk Trivia Night at Okemos

7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 4/18

PageTurners

10:00 a.m.

Queer Heart Rehearsal

1:00 -7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 4/19

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Queer Heart Concert

11:15 a.m.

Capital City Ringers Concert

7:00 p.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.

Queer Heart Concert

A new Lansing area mixed voice queer choir, Queer Heart of Michigan, has been rehearsing at Eastminster. On April 19th after worship they will be doing a mini thank you concert for Eastminster in our sanctuary. Join us!

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. Sign up to play with Eastminster's teams in the narthex.

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.

All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR) Fundraiser

On April 19th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. AFAR is holding a fundraiser to raise rental assistance for refugees, grow awareness, and connect with each other. This will take place at Edgewood UCC (469 N. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing). Eastminster is also collecting donations for rental assistance. To give, please mark any donation for "Refugee Services Rental Assistance."

Church Movie Night

Join us on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. to watch the movie McFarland, USA. It is an inspiring true story about a high school cross-country team in a small California town.

Church Anniversary

Eastminster turns 69 on April 14th. We will be celebrating our anniversary and honoring the one charter member who is still with us and our 50-year members during the service today.

Charter Member

The Presbytery of Lansing chartered Eastminster Presbyterian Church April 14, 1957, 68 years ago. The petition to the presbytery included the signatures of 126 persons. This current member signed our church's charter:

Phyllis Irwin

50-Year Members

In addition to our Charter Member, today we recognize and honor those persons who have been members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more.

Irv Nichols	03-31-1958
George Miller	02-01-1968
Sue Miller	02-01-1968
Jim Engelkes	11-01-1969
Robert Cullum	03-12-1972
Connie Cullum	03-12-1972
Mary Ann Merchant	01-07-1973
Barbara Lowes	03-04-1973
Bruce Augenstein	12-01-1974

*“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,
always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”
I Corinthians 15:58*



Easter Flower Dedications 2026

Donated by:	In memory of:
Bruce Augenstein	Sue Augenstein
Rebecca Dean	Phil Dean
Dan and Judy Dickinson	Emory and Mary Bates William and Maxine Dickinson
Tom and Linda Hardenbergh	Our parents, Clark & Ellen Grant Clayt & Beki Hardenbergh
Suzanne Hunt	Chase Hunt David Hunt
Estelle McGroarty	Dennis McGroarty
Robert Nees	Mary K. Hodges-Nees
Irv Nichols	Christy Nichols
Shirley Paxton	Bill Paxton Jeff O'Neill



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You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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