



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

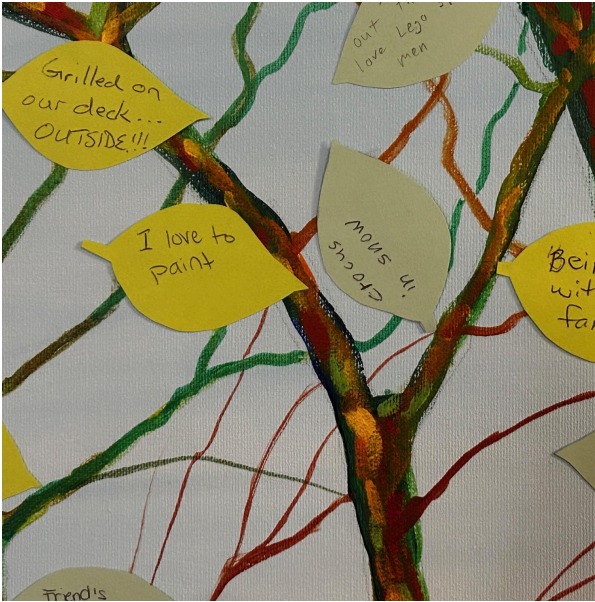
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**



# 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

April 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

**Opening Video**     “Birdsong”    by Rev. Sarah Speed

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

### Introit

#### \*Call to Worship

One:     On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**ALL:     *On Friday, we thought the good news  
had taken its last breath.***

One:     On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**ALL:     *But today, we know the good news is alive and well.***

One:     The good news is dancing!

**ALL:     *The good news is on the loose!***

One:     The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**ALL:     *Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.***

One:     Let us worship our good-news Christ.

\***Hymn #232**    Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#### \*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Gracious God,*

*we want to be Easter people.*

*We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.*

*We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.*

*We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid,"  
but we are afraid.*

*And we don't know where to look.*

*And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.*

*So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.*

*We are best intentions and best laid plans.*

*We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."*

*We are on our way, but are not there yet.*

*Show us how to embody your good news in this world.*

*Show us how to be your Easter people.*

*With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Words of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response #245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!*

*Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!*

*Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!*

*Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

**\*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** Matthew 28:1-10

**Sermon** The good news is...alive in the world

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn #250** In the Bulb There is a Flower

**\*Liturgy of Good News**

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *I met new people.  
I spent time in nature.*

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *Spring and sunshine,  
pickleball and playing at recess!*

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *I feel the love of others.  
I'm doing okay!*

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *Laughter, the love of God,  
no cavities, less pain.*

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *I protested. I went to the Women's Retreat.  
MSU won, jazz night with friends.*

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *An unexpected connection with a stranger,  
progress in my rehab,  
pain relief.*

One: Tell me something good.

**ALL:** *Me time, my family,  
I felt my anxiety melt away,  
unexpected love.*

One: Thank you, God, for this good, good news.

## Offering of Resources and Prayer

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

### \*Doxology #609

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### \*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 #246** Christ Is Alive!

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sara Weeden

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Trumpet: Elijah Green

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Communion Servers: Dave Duryea, Jason Giddings, Jeff Lapinski, Sam O'Neill

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## **Usher**

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski

## **Greeter**

Bruce Augenstein

## **Video Producer**

Heather Myer

## **Fellowship**

Beverly Bonning

## **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 5 - April 12***

### **SUNDAY, 4/5 Easter Sunday!**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Activity	11:15 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 4/6 - Church Office Closed**

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, 4/7**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, 4/8**

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

### **THURSDAY, 4/9**

Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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### **SATURDAY, 4/11**

Advent House Meal	8:30 a.m.
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### **SUNDAY, 4/12**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.
LMM Recital	3:00 p.m.

## **Children's Easter Activity**

Children of the church, friends, and visitors in 5th grade and younger are invited to the lower level of the church at 11:15 a.m. today for a quick Easter search and find activity. A simple way to celebrate this special day and there will still be plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening with your family!

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 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 on Sunday, April 12th.

## **Advent House**

Our next Advent House meal is Saturday, April 11th. You can sign up to make a casserole in the narthex. Thank you for helping!

## **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.



# Easter Flower Dedications 2026

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