



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
June 28, 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
June 28, 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: This is the time to rejoice!

ALL: *What better time than now!*

One: This is the day to laugh:

What did the cabbage pastor say to the people?

ALL: *Lettuce pray!*

One: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

ALL: *Change? Presbyterians don't believe in change!*

One: What's the greatest joke ever?

ALL: *The one God played on death on Easter morning!*

***Hymn** Christians We Are Made for Laughter HYMN TO JOY
Words by Jo Cassidy-Maloney

*Christians, we are made for laughter, born to giggle and guffaw!
Even in the great hereafter mirth is interspersed with awe.
So don't hold back, let it fill you, let your muscles do their thing!
Don't you worry, we won't drill you! Just let go and laugh and sing.*

*This is how our great God made us – faces, lungs, and hearts for glee
And it's how God would parade us, showing forth most joyously
All the love and all the gladness, such a great capacity
For the joy that drives all sadness out of every you and me.*

*We are people with a Savior who was not above a joke,
Play with words was his behavior, he loved puns with all the folk.
Joy Christ showed us, joy Christ showers everywhere on everyone
Turn your face up like the flowers, catch the joy and have some fun!*

*Christ was dead and now he's risen! Isn't that a cause for glee?
Love has shattered all the prisons we have built so carefully.
Now unfettered, free as breezes, giggles, snorts, and glee abound!
Even when our laughter wheezes, we praise God with every sound.*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*You know better than we do, Amused God,
what important people we believe we are.
Believing we have to be serious all the time,
we miss out on the joy of your creation.
Choosing to feast on the pain of the world,
we skip the picnic offered in paradise.
Clinging to the despair which is our best friend,
we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart.*

*Forgive us, Heart of Joy,
and make us open to the startling, and upside-down,
ways in which you work.
Fill us with laughter; fill us with your healing joy;
fill us with the love poured into us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

***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) (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, 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, 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 100 Old Testament, p. 522

Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-15 Old Testament, p. 13

Reflection

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

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 I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.*

*I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;*

*I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Worship Leaders: Neil Myer, Mary Harvey

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Amanda Lanier

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Livestream

Robin Bell

Fellowship

Sue Kalvonjian

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: *June 28-July 5*

SUNDAY, 6/28

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

MONDAY, 6/29

Girl Scout Troop Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 7/2

Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 7/5

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

Neil Myer will be on vacation from June 29-July 5. Rev. Kristin Stroble will be at General Assembly in Milwaukee until July 3.

Congregational Meeting

The next congregational meeting will be held July 12 immediately following worship to elect officers to Session and Deacons.

General Assembly Recap

Heather Myer and Rev. Kristin Stroble will hold a General Assembly education event following fellowship on Sunday, July 12. Please keep them in your prayers as they were both elected by the Presbytery of Lake Michigan to serve as commissioners to the General Assembly meeting in Milwaukee this week.

Outdoor Worship

We will have outdoor worship throughout the summer on the third Sundays of the month. The next ones are July 19 and Aug. 16. An ice cream social will be held in July.

Hope in One, Aug. 5

The annual Hope in One Golf Outing at Groesbeck Golf Course to benefit Advent House Ministries is Wednesday, Aug. 5. Please let Neil Myer or the church office know if you would like to play.



Peanuts and Cracker Jack Time!

Celebrate summer and your Eastminster friends at the ballfield. We have 20 tickets for the Lugnuts Faith and Family Night on Saturday, August 22. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$12 per person. Please contact the church office to reserve tickets.

Advent House

The next Advent House meal will be served on July 11. The sign-up sheet, pans and recipes are in the Narthex.



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You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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