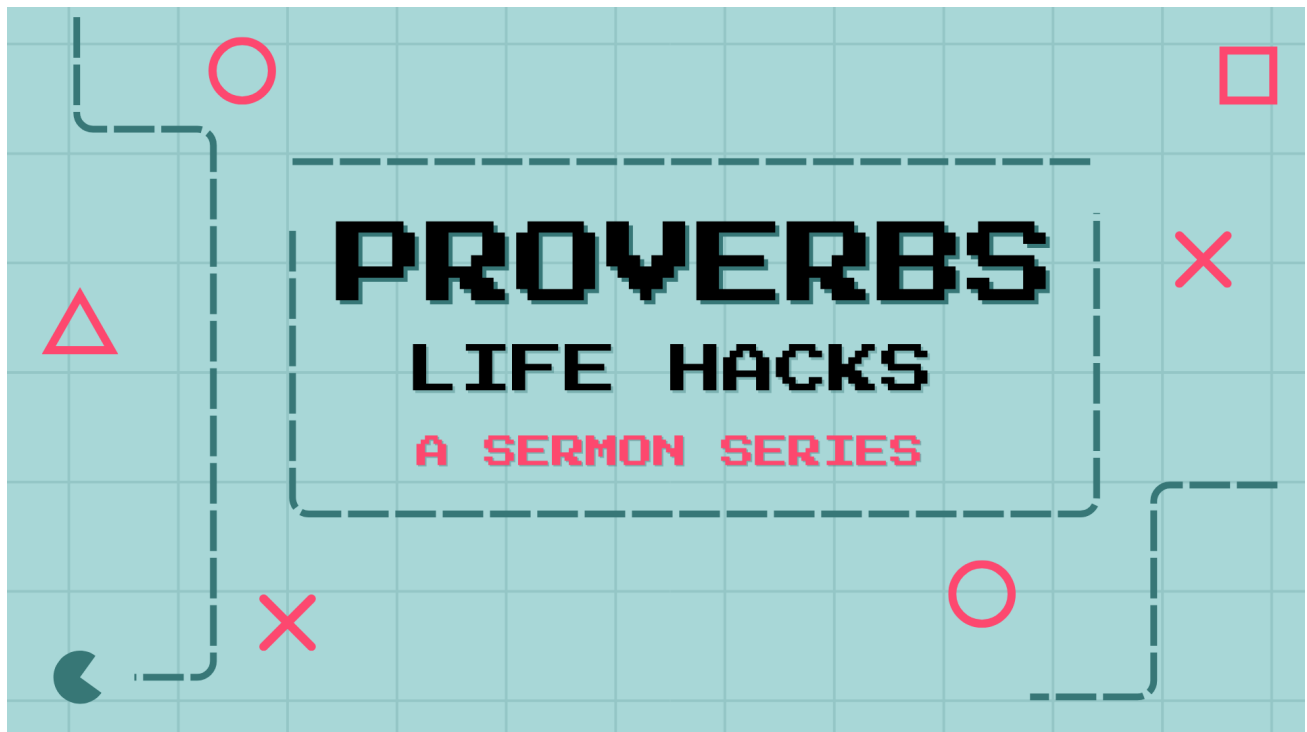




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 26, 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

July 26, 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: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

ALL: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

One: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

ALL: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

One: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

ALL: We long to live lives of holiness and love.

One: Come people of God, let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*Hymn #174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God,

we try to live our lives as best we can —

dealing with difficult relationships and situations,

treating each other with kindness.

But too often we use our words to harm instead of heal,

to tear each other down instead of building up the body of Christ.

Here, right now,

we confess that we seldom have the answers,

we often don't know what to say,

and we often fill the silence instead of waiting for you.

Forgive us.

*Fill us with your wisdom,
so that we may live lives
of goodness and peace.
Hear now our silent confession.*

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #743 O God, You Are My God**

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

***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 Proverbs 18:4-21 Old Testament, pp. 566-567

Sermon The Power of Words

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 #722** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Jim Engelkes

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Ushers

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Charlotte Smith

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Barbara Stowitts in celebration of the wedding of Amanda Stowitts and J.W. Hansing.

Livestream

Susan Smalley

Fellowship

Jeff Lapinski

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: *July 26-August 2*

SUNDAY, 7/26

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 7/27

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

Queer Heart Auditions 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 7/30

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8/2

Worship and Officer Installation 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Officer Training 11:30 a.m.

Outdoor Worship and Church BBQ

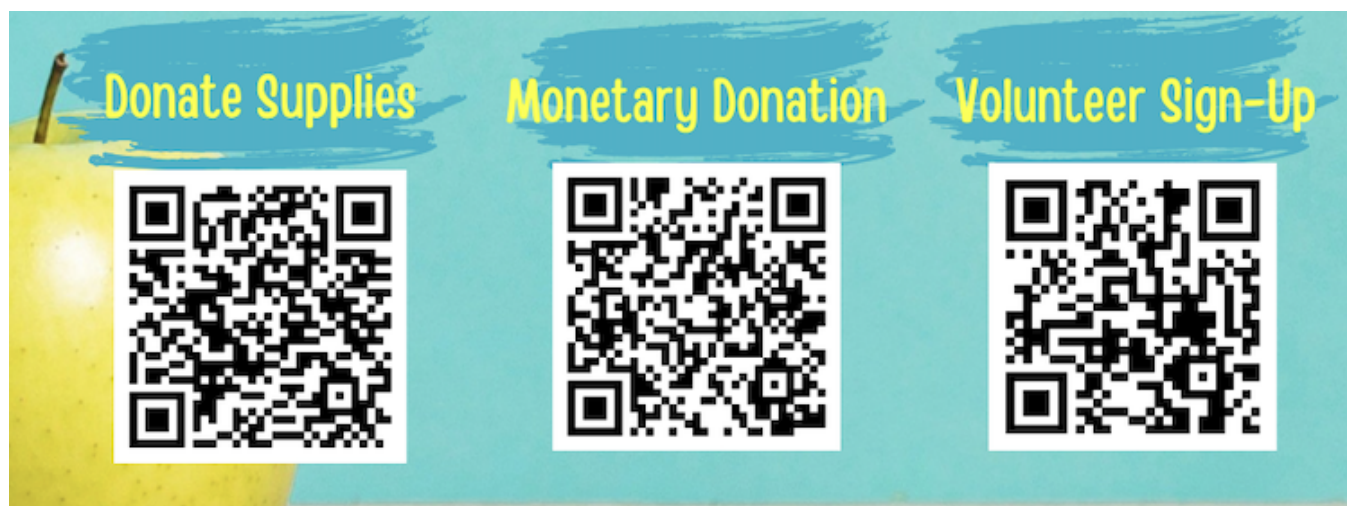
The annual church bbq will be held on Aug. 16. A signup for sides is in the Narthex.

Peanuts and Cracker Jack Time!

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

All Faith Alliance for Refugees Backpack Packing Party

On Thursday, August 6th at 6pm at First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, there will be a packing party to fill backpacks for Lansing newcomer students. You can use the QR codes on the next page to donate money, supplies, or sign up to volunteer.



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.

Queer Heart Auditions

Queer Heart, the choir that practices at Eastminster on Mondays, will be holding auditions for next season on July 27 and August 3 at 7 p.m. at Eastminster.

Faith-Based Investing

If you were at worship on July 12, you learned that the PC(USA) General Assembly made some changes in the ways our denomination makes its faith-based investing. The Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) oversees investment decisions using metrics for environmental, social and governmental as well as financial aspects. MRTI engages corporations in which the church owns stock through correspondence, dialogue, voting shareholder proxies, filing or co-filing shareholder resolutions and occasionally recommending divestment/proscription positions to the General Assembly.

Following worship on the 12th, there was greater detail about our denomination's investment practices and several people expressed interest in using PC(USA) decisions to influence their personal investment decisions. One option is to invest through New Covenant Trust Company (NCTC), a full-service financial planning, investment management and trust services firm and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation. Eastminster's endowment principal is invested through New Covenant.

You can find additional information at newcovenanttrust.com.

Massanetta Conference

This was the third year for Eastminster to send a group to Massanetta Middle School Conference, including two of our youth who went for the first time! We were one of three churches from Michigan and there were also two Indiana and two Ohio churches there this year, making it the biggest single session Midwest contingent we can remember!

Our theme was Peace-ing Together, Peace by Piece based on Romans 14:19, “Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

Participants engaged in worship, scripture, prayer, workshops, encounter groups, music, recreation, fellowship and more! Favorite free time activities included visiting the spring and rocking



under covered porches (even while the rain dampened a few of the originally scheduled plans!). Inspired by one of our past youth attendees, some in our group were first in line every day waiting for the dining hall doors to open for breakfast and always first in line for the doors to open to worship and theme presentations!

Thank you, Eastminster, for your prayers and support of these incredible summer faith formation opportunities for our youth!

Centsability

The Eastminster family has been faithfully and generously supporting the Centsability mission, which helps to alleviate local hunger needs. So far in 2026, donations have totaled **\$796.37**.

The next Centsability collection is on Aug. 9.

Volunteer Needed: The bank no longer does automatic coin counts. We are looking for someone willing to come in once a month to count and roll coins and deposit them at the bank. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Thank You for Your Centsability Giving!



In All of 2025,
Our Congregation Gave

\$407.77

to Centsability



Centsability
Local. Caring. Sharing.

Your faithful generosity makes a real difference in our community.
Thank you for continuing to share God's love! 



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

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