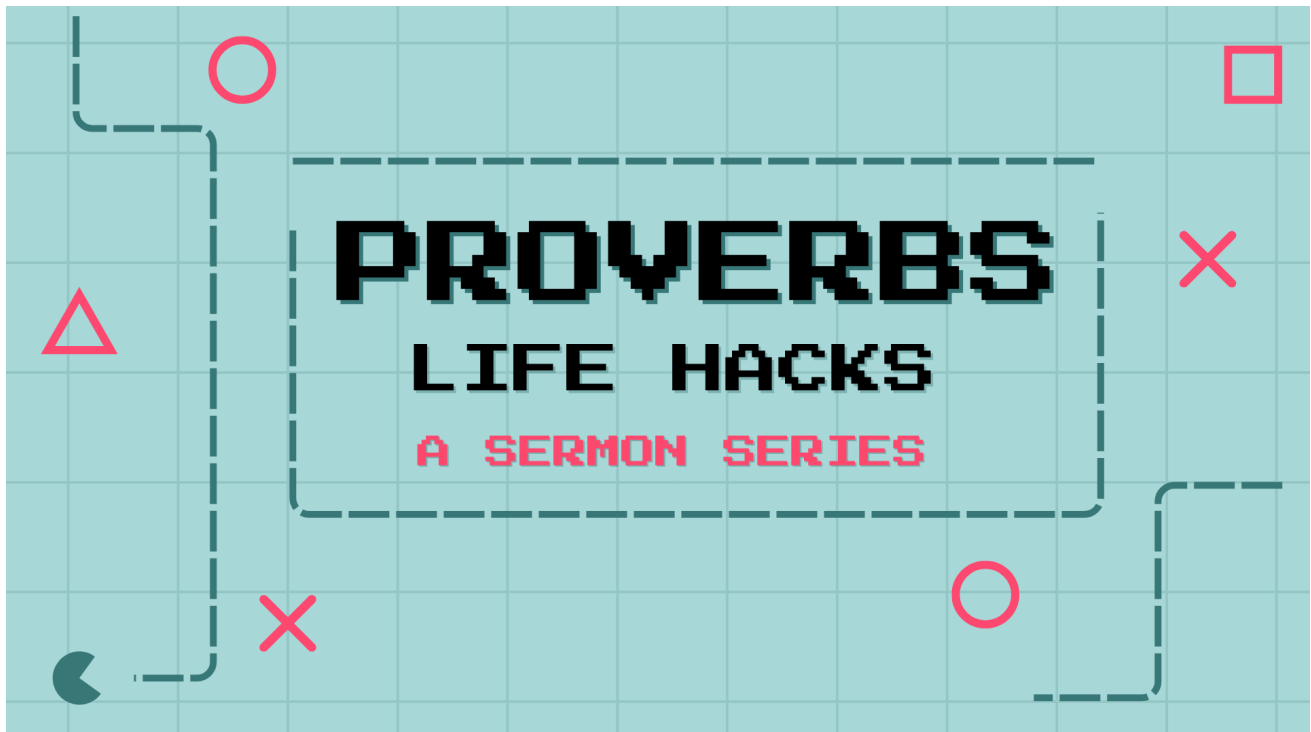




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 2, 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

August 2, 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: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is good —

ALL: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

One: Let us worship God today, for God is good —

ALL: God forgives us, encourages us, and loves us.

One: Let us worship God today —

ALL: Because we are God's people.

***Hymn #308 O God in Whom All Life Begins**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

we come before you today knowing

that we often fall short of your call to love one another well.

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we have been selfish, mean,

or closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

When we have failed to listen

or allow busyness to distance us from people we care about, forgive us.

Teach us how to be supportive friends,

reflecting the grace and love you so freely give us.

***Silent Confession**

*Words of Forgiveness

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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: G, D, C, D, G, Dsus7, D7, G, D, C, D, G, Em, Dsus, D, C, Am7, G, D, C, Dsus7, D7, G.

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 Readings Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 27:6; 27:17; Ecc. 4:9-10

Sermon Choosing Friends Wisely

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music “You Raise Me Up”

Ordination & Installation of Officers

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**

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 #727** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Lacy Myer

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Special Music: Sue Rosser, soprano

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Communion: Jeff Lapinski, Suzanne Hunt

Worship Credits: Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Ushers

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski

Greeter

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Flowers

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

Livestream

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: *August 2-August 9*

SUNDAY, 8/2

Worship and Officer Installation

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Officer Training	11:30 a.m.
MONDAY, 8/3	
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Auditions	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 8/4 Election Day	
Infrastructure Meeting	6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 8/5	
Hope in One Golf Tournament	9:00 a.m.
THURSDAY, 8/6	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 8/9 Centsability	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	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.

Advent House Meals

This Saturday, Aug. 8, is the next Advent House meal that Eastminster serves. Meals need to be delivered on Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

All Faith Alliance for Refugees Backpack Packing Party

On 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 following QR codes to volunteer, donate money, or donate supplies.





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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