



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 20, 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
September 20, 202610:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

***Call to Worship**

One: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: *Welcome to this place of love and grace,*

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: *God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.*

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: *We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.*

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***Hymn #301 Let Us Build a House**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God,
through your Spirit of grace and power
you have called us together as the body of Christ.
Yet we have fallen short of demonstrating our visible oneness in Christ.
We have damaged your church, created factions,
and caused harm by stereotyping and demeaning one another.
Forgive us, Lord.
In this time of change within the church and world,
draw us closer to you and to one another.
Help us to look beyond our differences
to see our common calling in and through you*

*to proclaim the gospel in word and deed
to a world in desperate need.*

We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #59** The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (three flats). The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. Chord symbols are provided below the lyrics, often in parentheses above the staff or below the lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
E $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$ B $\flat$ 7sus B $\flat$ 7

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
A $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
B $\flat$ 7sus B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D Cm7 Fm7 B $\flat$ 7sus B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

***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

Acts 4:32-35

New Testament, p. 114

Sermon *The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God*

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 #314** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Guest Preacher: Ruling Elder Sam O'Neill

Worship Leader: Sara Weeden

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Worship Credits: The call to worship is by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold fast to What is Good'; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Sacha Roennecke

Greeter

Elizabeth Evangelista

Flowers

Flowers today are given by Bob Nees in memory of Mary K. Hodges-Nees.

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This Week at Eastminster: *September 20-September 27*

SUNDAY, 9/20

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class 11:15 a.m.

Community Bells 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, 9/21

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, 9/22

Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 9/23	
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, 9/24	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Dance Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 9/25	
String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 9/27	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

Kristin will be out of the office for continuing education Sept. 20-25.

Bible Studies

We have two Bible Studies that resumed on September 9th. The Men's Bible study meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays and the other Bible study meets at 10:30am on Wednesday. Both studies meet in-person with a Zoom option. Please note that neither Bible study is meeting this coming Wednesday.



Crop Walk

Join Eastminster on Sunday, October 11th at 2pm for the 50th Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk. We will sign up and collect donations as a team. All are welcome to join in the walk.



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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