Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 18, 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

October 18, 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: We come to worship God, who created us and knows us.
ALL: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!
One: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life.
ALL: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we are home!
One: We come to listen for the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth.
ALL: As we worship and after we leave, may we reflect God's love.
One: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #401** Here in This Place

***Call to Confession**

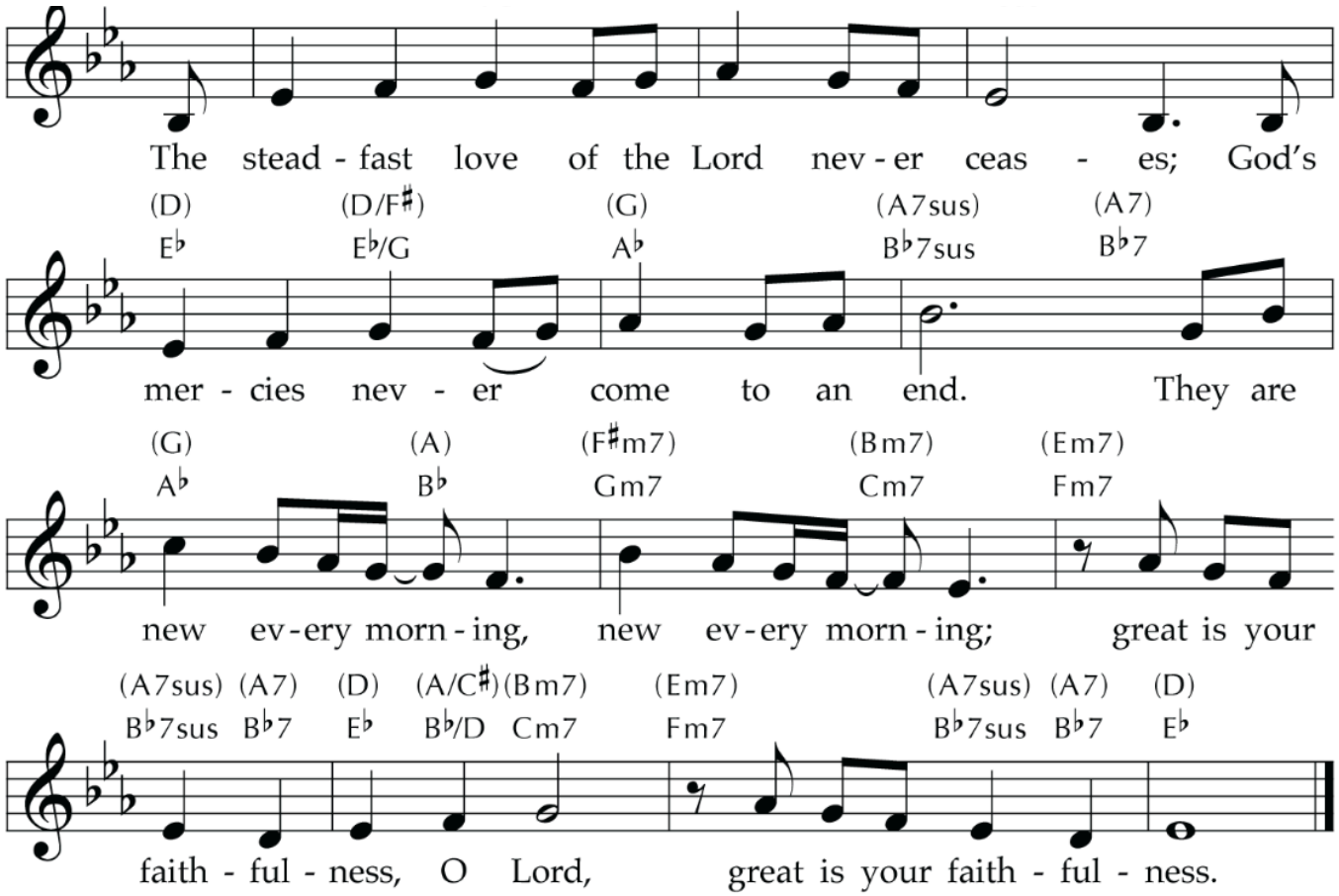
***Prayer of Confession**

Holy One,
We confess that we do not live into our historic calling,
the great ends of the church.
We stay silent instead of proclaiming your gospel of love.
We turn away from sheltering and nurturing your children.
We worship you, but do not leave transformed for your service.
We turn to idols and away from your truth.
We do not promote social righteousness
or exhibit your kingdom to the world.
Help us to renew our sense of calling in and through you
so that we may proclaim and live out your love
in a world that needs it desperately.
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



***Passing of the Peace** *(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Moment for Ministry UKirk Trivia Night

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-17 New Testament, p. 3

Special Music

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 New Testament, p. 191

Sermon "The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World"

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 #372** O For a World

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:
Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Timothy Ewart
Children's Message: Charlotte Smith
Special Music: Matthew Rygelski
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher
Head Usher: Sache Roennecke
Greeter
Sue Miller
Flowers
Flowers today are given to the glory of God.
Fellowship
Rebecca Dean
Video Producer
Robin Bell

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Christian Education
Bridgette Redman	Business Manager
Tamar Mikeladze, DMA	Pianist
Ivana Chacon	Social Media Intern
Rosalie Truback	Audiovisual Intern

<u>This Week at Eastminster:</u> *October 18-October 25*

SUNDAY, 10/18	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
Youth Gathering	11:15 a.m.
Children's Gathering	11:15 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.
MONDAY, 10/19	
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, 10/20	
Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 10/21	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, 10/22	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Dance Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 10/23	
String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 10/25	
Worship: Kids & Youth Lead	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

Welcome North Westminster

We extend a warm welcome to our siblings from North Westminster Presbyterian Church who are worshipping with us today! We are glad you are here!

Bible Studies

We have two Bible Studies that meet weekly. 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.

Children

Children in 5th grade and younger will meet monthly after Sunday worship for a time of learning, singing and fellowship. The next two meetings are on Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

Youth Outing Today

Youth (grades 6-12) are meeting to play a free front yard mini golf course with lots of fun photo ops after worship today. It is only about a 5-7 minute drive from the church. We plan a 12:30 p.m. return to Eastminster.

Crop Walk

Walkers had a beautiful day last week as they raised money to help fight hunger. Eastminster's walkers were Josh, Astrid, Tim, Jim, Susan, Kristin, Brian and Scarlett. Donations from Eastminster are currently at $1,015.



Love Your Neighbor–Vote

Several denominations, including PCUSA, have formed a coalition in Michigan to encourage voting next month. Called "Loving Your Neighbor in the Election Season," the website has several resources.

Check it out at loveneighbor.hub or ask Rev. Kristin Stroble about it.

Kids and Youth Lead Worship

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 25 for our annual Kids and Youth Led Worship Service.

All Saints Day

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, Nov. 1. If you have a loved one who has died since last All Saints Day that you would like honored, please email Kristin (revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org) or Bridgette (office@eastminsterchurch.org).



Interfaith Service

The Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing will be holding their 2026 Fall Gathering on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1701 E. Saginaw St., Lansing.

Titled “Harmony in Hard Times,” the theme is “From our different faith traditions, we are called to care for one another.” The gathering will include prayer, sacred words and music. An offering will be taken for a local charitable organization.

UKirk Trivia Night

The first semester UKirk Trivia Night will be here before you know it! The date is **Sunday**, November 15 and the time is **5PM** at Presbyterian Church of Okemos. The cost is $25 per person or $150 per table of six player teams. Pizza, chips and soft drinks will be included for everyone. You can participate in a number of ways. Sign up to play, make a dessert for the dessert auction, sponsor a table, sponsor pizza, donate a quality auction item (art work, event tickets, etc.) or simply make a donation to UKirk at Michigan State by check, cash, Venmo, or online. ukirkmsu.org/give



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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