Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 25, 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 25, 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: Gracious God, forever seeking us:
ALL: Open our minds to the truth of your care.
One: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.
ALL: Open our lips to share stories of faith.
One: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.
ALL: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.
One: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***Call to Confession**
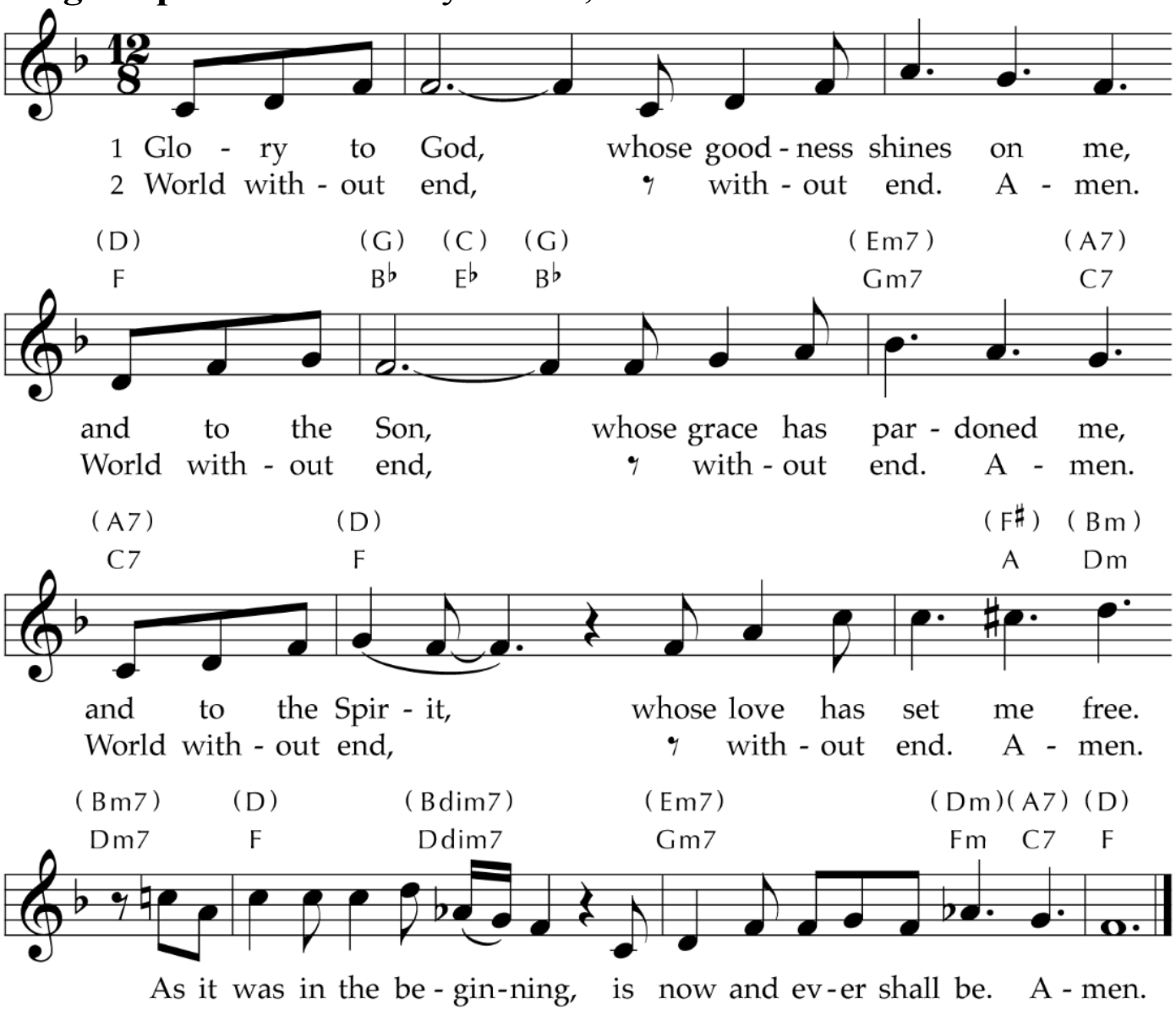
***Prayer of Confession**

O God, it's easy to play "Follow the Leader" when it's a kid's game. It's harder to do when it means following you. We wander off, we lose our way, we do whatever we want on our own timetable not thinking about who we might hurt along the way. We turn our backs to you. We are sorry, God. Forgive us for the times when our faith is immature and we think we know better than you. Help us to turn back to you as we admit the ways we leave the path you have set before us.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



***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 Luke 15:1-32 New Testament, pp. 73-74

Sermon The Lost Parables

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 #649** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:
Worship Leaders: The children and youth of Eastminster
Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher

Head Usher: Rebecca Dean

Greeter

Barb Lowes

Flowers

Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Fellowship

Jen Mendoza

Video Producer

Susan Smalley

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

This Week at Eastminster: *October 25-November 1*

SUNDAY, 10/25

Worship: Kids and Youth Lead	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, 10/26

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, 10/27

Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Penny Draper Recital	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/28

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/29

Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Dance Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 10/31

String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR SUNDAY MORNING

SUNDAY, 11/1 All-Saints Day

Worship:	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Youth Gathering	11:30 a.m.
New Member Class	11:45 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

New Member Gathering

Interested in joining Eastminster? Just want to learn more about the church? Join us on Sunday, November 1st for a gathering for potential new members. For more information or to let us know you are coming, talk to Pastor Kristin.

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.

Election Day Communion Service

At 8pm, after the polls close on Nov. 3, join us at Eastminster for a brief time of prayer, reflection, and communion.



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.

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 **5 P.M.** 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

Battery Day

On Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 9 AM we will hold our annual battery day where volunteers will go through the church and replace batteries wherever they are found. Many hands make light work!

Alternative Christmas Market

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos will be holding its alternative Christmas Market on Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will host international and fair-trade vendors. New this year is a Used book sale.

Piano Trio

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at the Molly Grove Chapel today at 3 p.m. The concert is sponsored by Eastminster's Virginia Allen and the late Bruce Allen. Patrick Johnson, piano; Ji Hyun Kim, violin; and Stefan Koch, cello will perform music from Amy Beach, Richard Stohr, and Brahms. Tickets are $25, $15 for students.



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