



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

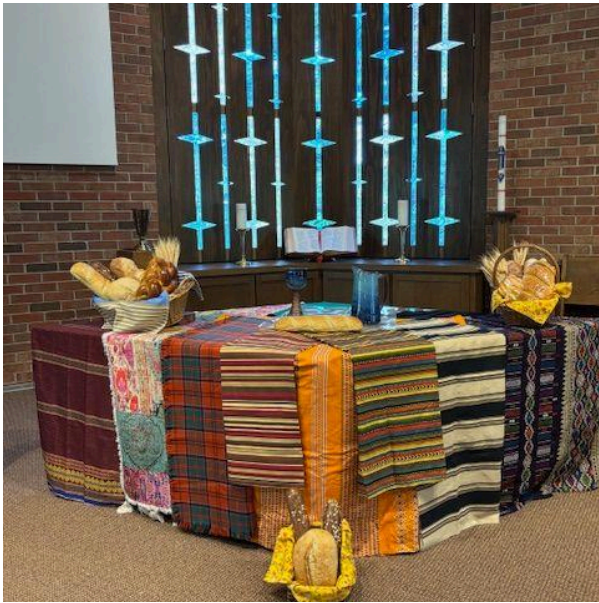
Service for the Lord's Day
October 4, 2026



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 4, 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: Loving God, we come to you for truth,

ALL: *that we might see clearly and that we might understand.*

One: We come to you for comfort,

ALL: *that we might be sustained and that we might be understood.*

One: We come to you for challenge,

ALL: *that we might be reminded that
our ways are not your ways and that we can change.*

One: We come to you, Holy One.

ALL: *We come to you.*

***Hymn #463 How Firm a Foundation**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Because you made the world,
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children;

because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Because confusion can reign inside us,
despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy
distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;
because we do not always get it right,
we want to believe:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Because you have promised to hear us,
and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront,
control, forgive and encourage us,
as you know best.

(silent prayer)

Then let us cherish in our hearts
that which we proclaim with our lips:

*Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Truth is stronger than lies.*

Lord, hear our prayer,
and change our lives
until we illustrate the grace
of the God who makes all things new.
Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

*Sung Response #59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated in parentheses above the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Staff 1:
The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b7

Staff 2:
mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
A^b B^b Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

Staff 3:
new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
B^b7sus B^b7 E^b B^b/D Cm7 Fm7 B^b7sus B^b7 E^b

Staff 4:
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 Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Scripture Reading John 18:28-38

Sermon The Preservation of the Truth

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**

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 #450** Be Thou My Vision

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Susan Smalley

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Communion: Linda Hardenbergh, Sara Weeden, Emmanuel Yewah, Jason Giddings

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher

Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning

Greeter

Charlotte Smith

Flowers

Flowers today are given by Ruth Hartwig in honor of Larry Hartwig on their anniversary.

Fellowship

Beverly Bonning

Video Producer

Heather Myer

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
Ivana Chacon	Social Media Intern
Rosalie Truback	Audiovisual Intern

This Week at Eastminster: *October 4-October 11*

SUNDAY, 10/4

Worship	10:00 a.m.
All-Church Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class (extended session)	11:30 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, 10/5

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, 10/6

Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Infrastructure Meeting	6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/7

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

THURSDAY, 10/8

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

FRIDAY, 10/9

String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, 10/10

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 10/11

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.
CROP Walk	2:00 p.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.

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.



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.

All-Church Lunch

Join us after worship today for an all-church lunch.

Children and Youth

The confirmation class meets today after the all-church lunch for an extended session.

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.

World Communion Offering

Today is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates Christian unity and global oneness through communion. This year marks the first year that PC(USA) is collecting the newly named World Communion Offering instead of Peace & Global Witness. The special offering supports initiatives in racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

If you wish to donate to the World Communion Offering, you may do so on the Eastminster website (under the “Give Online” page) or mark an envelope for the special offering.

Advent House

We will be serving a meal for Advent House on October 10. Please sign up in the narthex and take a pan and recipe if you can help us with this important mission of feeding the hungry.

PageTurners

Eastminster's book club meets this Saturday, October 10. They are back to meeting on the second Saturdays of the month in person and on Zoom at 10 a.m. This month's book is *I See You Called in Dead* by John Kenny and the discussion will be led by Jan Coye.



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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