Service for the Lord's Day
November 1, 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

November 1, 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 gather today to remember
the saints who have gone before us
and the saints who still surround us.
ALL: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.
One: We gather today as bereaved and grieving people,
as hopeful and healing people.
ALL: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.
One: We gather today to proclaim
the mysteries of our faith
and our faith in the God of mystery.
ALL: We come to bear witness to the God of life and love.
One: Come, let us gather for worship
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.
ALL: Come, let us worship the God of life and love.

***Hymn #366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

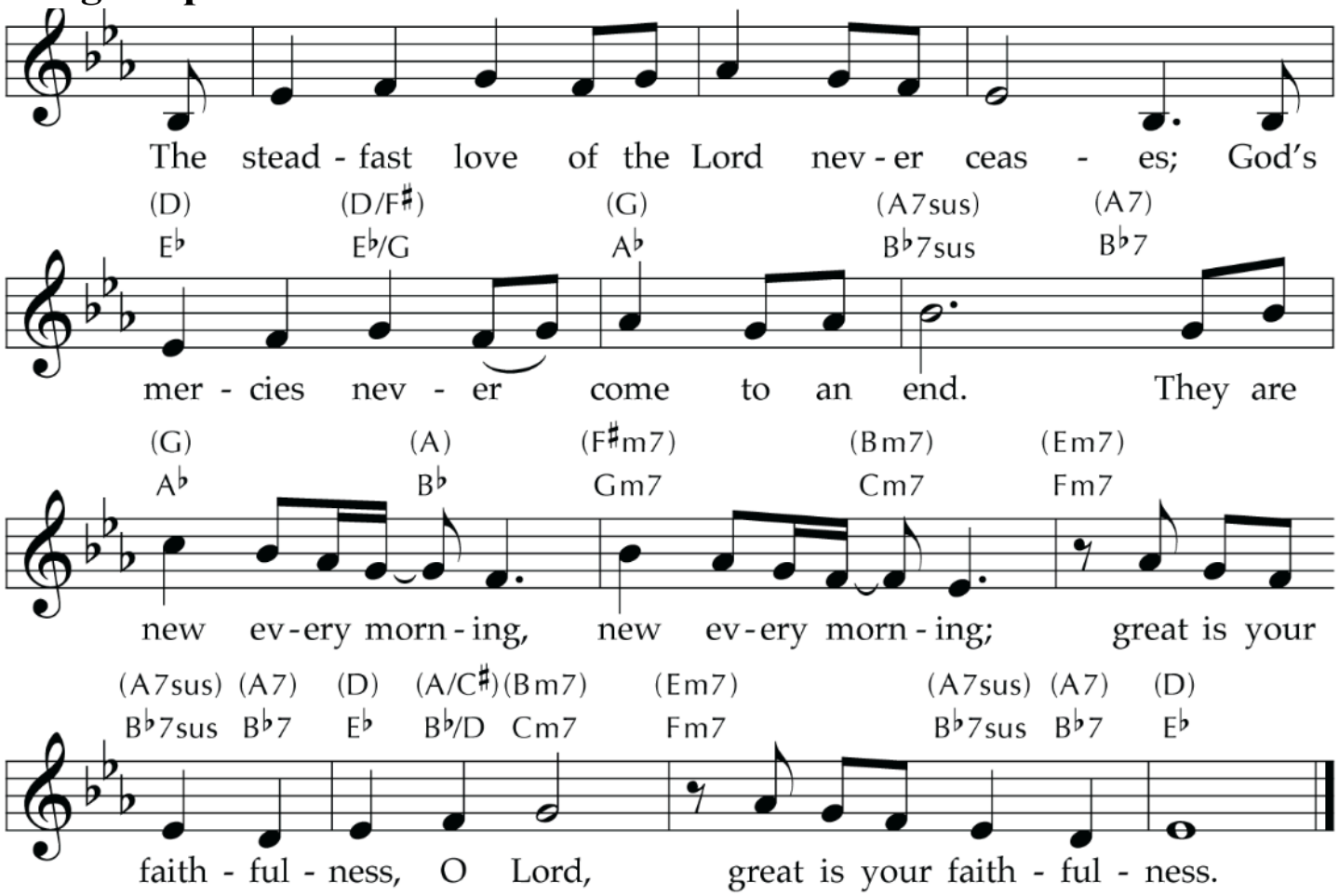
God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners –

full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.
Perhaps You see us simply as human –
as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,
and bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us,
and molding us more and more into the image of Christ,
in whose name we pray. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Old Testament, pp. 480-481

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 New Testament, p. 4

Sermon Blessing and Vulnerability

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm (vs 1-2)

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak:
the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.

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**

Hymn #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm (vs 3)

Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own:
God's love through them is known.

Communion and Remembrance of the Saints
Invitation to the Table

In remembrance of the saints of Eastminster Presbyterian who joined the church triumphant since our last celebration of All Saints Day.

Barbara Dalzell	May 4, 1943 – November 15, 2025
Cynthia Dibello	April 18, 1931 – November 16, 2025
Chase Hunt	August 7, 1930 – December 1, 2025
Jeffrey O'Neill	November 26, 1943 – February 28, 2026
Brenda Kay Partridge	May 21, 1953 – March 18, 2026
Connie Cullum	May 5, 1938 – June 25, 2026
Thomas Moss	June 1, 1960 – October 22, 2026

Names of those remembered and loved by members of this community.

Roberta Roden, friend of Phyllis Irwin
Tom Smith, friend of George Miller
Jan Potter, friend of Sue Miller
Delores Davenport, mother of Marcia Kent
Barbare Mikeladze, aunt of Tamar Mikeladze
Paul Cook, neighbor of Tamar Mikeladze

Hymn #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm (vs 4)
Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks, God…
We pray that we might be thankful and transformed,
so our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

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 #326** For All the Saints

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:
Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Frank Boster
Children's Message: Neil Myer
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA
Communion Servers: Jeff Lapinski, Suzanne Hunt, Sam O'Neill, Norm Mackay

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Ushers
Head Usher: Jeff Lapinski; Beverly Bonning
Greeter
Bruce Augenstein
Flowers
Flowers today are given to the glory of God.
Fellowship
Beverly Bonning
Video Producer
Linda Hardenbergh

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> *November 1-November 8*

SUNDAY, 11/1 All-Saint's Day

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

MONDAY, 11/2

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, 11/3 ELECTION DAY

Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Communion Service	8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11/4

Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Infrastructure Meeting	6:00 p.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11/5

Community Connections Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.
Queer Heart Dance Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Interfaith Service at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 11/6

String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 11/8

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 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 today after the all-church lunch for a gathering for potential new members.

Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is November 14. Sign up to make a casserole in the narthex.

Bible Studies

The Men's Bible Study will not be meeting this Wednesday.

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.

Election Day Cookies

We plan to serve cookies to those who come to Eastminster to vote on Tuesday. If you would like to contribute, please drop cookies off at the church between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday.

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.

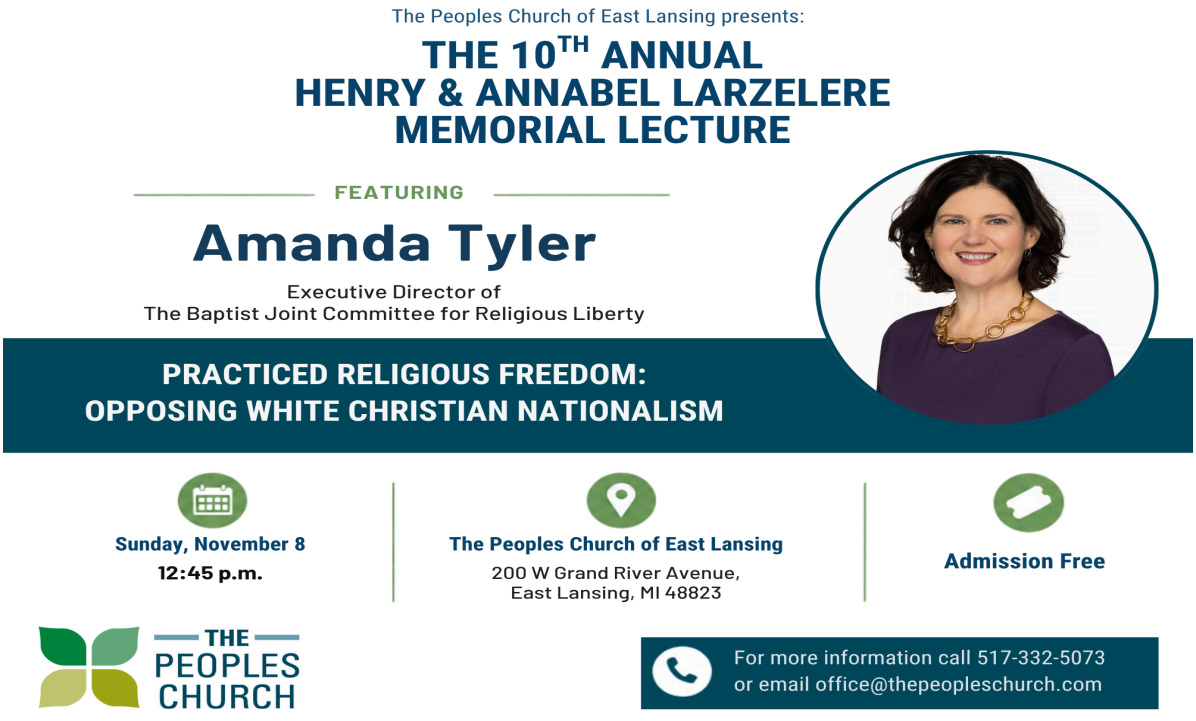
You can participate in a number of ways. Sign up to play, make a dessert for the dessert auction, sponsor a table, sponsor pizza, donate a quality auction item (art work, event tickets, etc.) or simply make a donation to UKirk at Michigan State by check, cash, Venmo, or online. ukirkmsu.org/give

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are filling 10 Thanksgiving baskets through Christian Services for families in need. You can sign up in the narthex and grab a bin in the Green Room.

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. The book sale proceeds go to UKirk at Michigan State.





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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