Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 8, 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 8, 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: Come, let us remember the goodness of God.
ALL: Every good gift comes from the Lord.
One: Come, let us remember God's faithfulness.
ALL: God has sustained us through every season.
One: Come, let us worship the One who gives life, hope, and purpose.
ALL: With grateful hearts, we come to worship God.

***Hymn #14** For the Beauty of the Earth

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we often forget.
We forget your faithfulness when life is difficult.
We forget your provision when life is abundant.
We forget that all we have and all we are comes from you.
Too often we cling to the illusion of self-sufficiency.
Too often we focus on what is missing rather than what has been given.
Forgive us.
Renew thankful hearts within us.
Restore the joy of your salvation in us.
Teach us, again, to trust in your grace. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

***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 Deuteronomy 8:11-18 Old Testament, p. 159

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 New Testament, p. 103

Sermon Connected to God: Everything is a Gift

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 #39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:
Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Jeff Lapinski
Children's Message: Sam O'Neill
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Usher
Head Usher: Jason Giddings
Greeter
Emmanuel Yewah
Flowers

Flowers today are given by Ruth Hartwig in honor of Larry Hartwig's birthday.

Fellowship

Sulin Campbell

Video Producer

Eric Folkrod

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: *November 8-November 15*

SUNDAY, 11/8	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.
MONDAY, 11/9	
Faith Formation Meeting	9:00 a.m.
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, 11/10	
Chorale Ensemble	11:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 11/11	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, 11/12	
Middle Ground Gathering	7:00 p.m.

Queer Heart Dance Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 11/13	
String Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 11/14	
Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, 11/15	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Gathering	11:15 a.m.
Confirmation	11:15 a.m.
Community Bells	3:30 p.m.
UKirk Trivia	5:00 p.m.

Advent House

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

UKirk Trivia Night

The first semester UKirk Trivia Night 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.

PageTurners

This month’s book club meets on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. The book is “The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife” by Anna Johnston, facilitated by Sue Kalvonjian.

Stewardship Campaign 2027

Each year we have a Stewardship Campaign and part of that is practical. We need to be able to put together an accurate and faithful budget for the next year. But it's more than the money. Stewardship is how we reflect our discipleship and shared responsibility to be the church of Jesus Christ in this place. This year we are focusing on our connectedness. When we remember our connection, our relationship with God and the grace at the heart of that, we are more fully able to live with gratitude and belonging. As you consider your pledge for next year, we'd also invite you to ask, "How do I grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ?" Thank you for being part of this connected community of faith and for your generosity.



Pledge cards were mailed out last week and additional copies are available in the Narthex. You can also make your pledge online.

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.

The Peoples Church of East Lansing presents:

THE 10TH ANNUAL HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE

FEATURING

Amanda Tyler

Executive Director of
The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty



PRACTICED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: OPPOSING WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Sunday, November 8
12:45 p.m.

The Peoples Church of East Lansing
200 W Grand River Avenue,
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Admission Free

THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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