



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
February 18, 2024**



WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

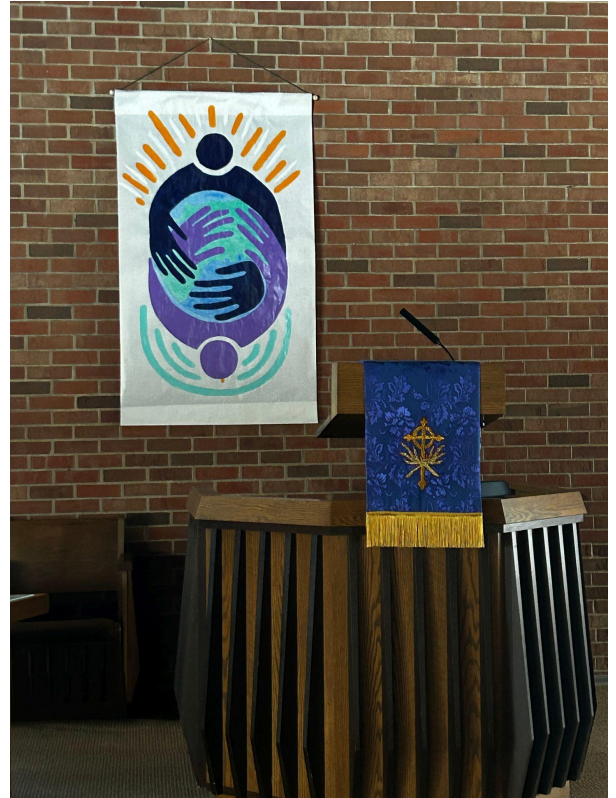
Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

Masks are available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.

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.

Hymn books and Bibles can be found under the pews.

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

February 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment

“Return to You”

*Call to Worship

One: Come in.

Feel your feet on the floor.

Settle your worries.

Take a deep breath.

Dust the cobwebs from your ears.

Relax the tension in your jaw,

All: for Christ is here.

God never stops seeking us.

One: We have been found.

All: Let us find God in return.

One: Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

*Hymn #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

You call us by name.

You join us in the deep waters of life.

You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,

*and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.
Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised
to find you in our midst.*

*Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.*

*Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.
Amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #743 O God, You Are My God**

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-10 Old Testament, p. 475

Scripture Reading Luke 5:1-11 New Testament, p. 48

Sermon "Jesus sought me"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in a God of abundance —
*a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.*

I believe in a God who comforts —
*a God who says, "Do not be afraid"
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.*

I believe in a God who invites —
*a God who says, "Follow me"
and, "You will be fishers of people."*

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently —
*a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.*

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & 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 #170** You Walk along Our Shoreline

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Cindy Nixon

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Ushers

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Barb Lowes

Greeter

Heather Heitman

Video Producers

Robin Bell and Linda Hardenbergh

Flowers

Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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	Pianist

This Week at Eastminster:

February 18 through February 25, 2024

SUNDAY, 2/18

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Education	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 2/19

School Break Adventures	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
AA Regional Meeting	6:00 p.m.
CCR Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2/20

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/21

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Community Connections Meeting	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/22

Eastminster @ Islamic Center	6:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 2/25

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Book Discussion	11:15 a.m.
Intergenerational Education	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

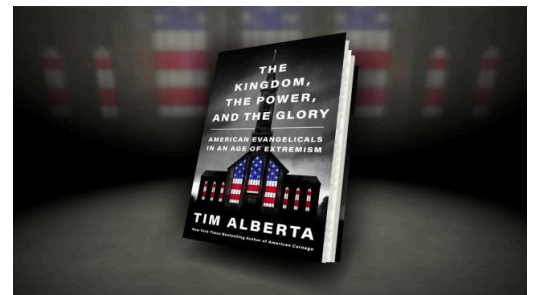
Bridgette will be out of the office on Thursday, Feb. 22 and Monday, Feb. 26.

Interfaith Engagement: Visit to Islamic Center

Our next opportunity for interfaith engagement will be Thursday, Feb 22 at the Islamic Center of East Lansing. Eastminster has been invited for a tour at 6 p.m. followed by the chance to observe their prayer time, and then an overview of Islam with Imam Sohail Chaudhry. If you would like to carpool, we will leave Eastminster's parking lot at 5:45pm. We will host a return gathering with some of their members in early May.

Book Discussion

A book discussion group on *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory* by Tim Alberta will begin meeting Sunday, February 25, following worship. The book is concerned with how the Evangelical wing of Christianity has become poisonously entangled with politics, but it has lessons for us persons of faith. The book is widely available.



Feel free to join the discussion whether you have read the book or not. See Jeff O'Neill if you have questions.

Fellowship Hour Volunteers Needed for March 24 and March 31

While Beverly B is out of town, the Deacons need volunteers to set up and take down Fellowship Hour on March 24 (Palm Sunday) and March 31 (Easter Sunday).

For Easter, we also need volunteers to bring an array of delicious goodies. Opportunities abound! Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Cookie Monsters Unite! Control the Cookie Tray!

Do you prefer homemade chocolate chip cookies or Double Stuffed Oreos? Grandma's sugar cookies or Keebler Pecan Sandies? Or like the Cookie Monster, you've never met a cookie that you didn't like?

Here's your chance to control the cookie tray by signing up to bring cookies for Fellowship. Sign up sheet for Sundays during Lent is in the Narthex.

Directory Update

We will be updating the church directory at the end of the month. Please let the office know if you have any changes in address, phone number or email.

Centsability



Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. We will collect change today during the passing of the peace.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your donations of cereal and money last week. We will be delivering the cereal to Advent House. You gave \$267.91 that will go to the MSU Student Food Bank.