



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
April 7, 2024



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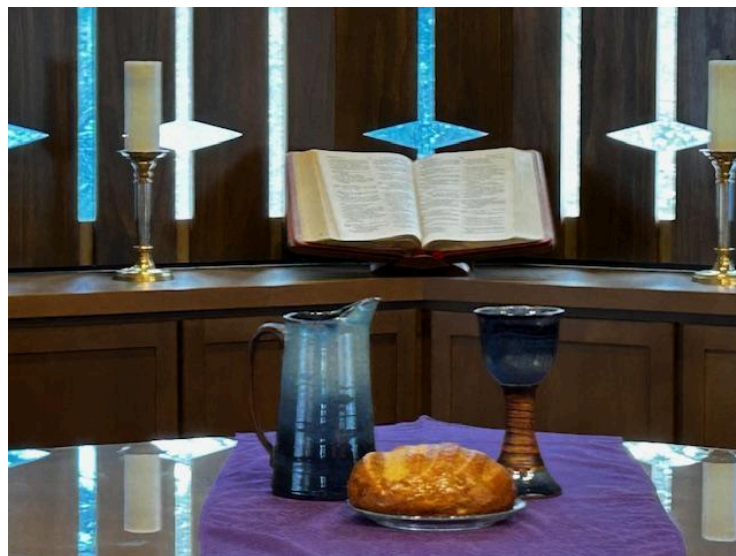
Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

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.

There are offering plates outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website.

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.*

Text is read or sung by the congregation.

GATHERING

April 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

One: Jesus said,

All: "Follow me."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Forgive seventy times seven."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Feed my sheep."

One: In response, we say:

All: "Here's my heart.

Take and seal it.

Seal it for thy courts above."

One: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

***Hymn #231** Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.

You tell us your truth and we push it away.

We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.

We profess our faith and deny it three times.

We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.

Over and over again, we find ourselves

wandering along the journey of faith.

Tether us to your heart.

Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.

Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you.

With humble hearts we pray, amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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 person next to you*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 21:1-19 New Testament, p.p.109-110

Sermon Here's my heart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in a God who shows up in our lives —
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.*

*We believe in a God who cares for God's people —
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.*

*We believe in a God who took on flesh —
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.*

*We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us,
into a life of service and community.*

*And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less.
Amen.*

Communion & Lord's Prayer

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.
Please ask if you need gluten-free bread.*

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #720** Jesus Calls Us

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Linda Hardenbergh

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster:

April 7 through April 14

SUNDAY, 4/7

Worship

10:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch

11:00 a.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 4/8

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 4/9

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.

Session

7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4/10

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 4/11

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/12

String Ensemble rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 4/13

Advent House 8:30 a.m.
PageTurners 10:00 a.m.
Renaissance Singers Concert 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 4/14

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
Deacons 12:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

Bridgette will be out of the office on vacation from April 10-April 18.

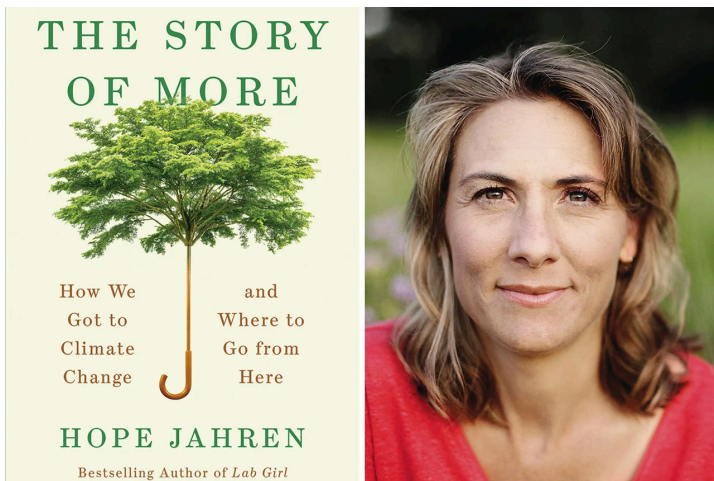
All-Church Lunch

Join us today after worship for our next all-church lunch. We'll be enjoying your favorite chili and cornbread recipes.

Next Book Study!

A new book discussion group is being formed around *The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where We Go from Here*, by Hope

Jahren. Called "the essential primer on climate change that will leave an indelible impact on anyone who reads it," Jahren asks "the essential question of our time: how can we learn to live on a finite planet?" There are serious ethical and faith issues raised in the book, and this is the opportunity to discuss what's at stake.



Copies of the book are available at the church starting for \$11. Discussion begins Sunday, April 21, led by Jeff O'Neill.

Ukrainian Egg Workshop

Join us on Saturday, April 27 at 10am and learn how to make the intricately beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs.

We're asking for a \$20 donation and all proceeds will go toward Ukrainian war relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

All materials will be provided, but space is limited, so please register [here](#) as soon as possible.

Interfaith Event: "Women in Christian and Islamic Scriptures"

Join us at Eastminster at 6:30 p.m. on May 1 for a joint event with the Islamic Center of Greater Lansing and Eastminster. We will start with dinner at 6:30pm and at 7:00pm Imam Sohail and Pastor Kristin will present on "Women in Christian and Islamic Scriptures" followed by a time of questions. Please sign-up ahead of time in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Learn/Refresh Your Life-Saving Skills

Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 12-2pm

Eastminster recently acquired an automated external defibrillator (AED) and updated our safety/emergency policy. These actions depend on all of us knowing what to do and how to do it if an emergency occurs. To that end, Eastminster will host a class to teach or refresh your ability to use CPR and an AED. The class will be taught by Olivia Skowronek, East Lansing Fire Department, Safety Training Officer and an additional ELFD instructor.

A light lunch will be provided after worship before the training begins. The church is paying for the training; if you want official certification (a card) you will need to pay \$19. Enrollment is limited to 12 people. Sign up on the list in narthex or by contacting the church office.

Gun Violence Prevention Summit

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Registration begins at 10:00 am

Lunch provided free of charge

**Reachout Christian Center
5628 Wise Rd. Lansing, MI 48911**

Hosted by:

First Presbyterian Church, Lansing

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

Reachout Christian Center



Prayer Service

National & Local Speakers Addressing Prevention

Community Action Fair

Michigan Legislative Update

Gun locks will be provided for free

Registrations requested by April 10.

**For more information and to register,
email bcalvert@lansingfirstpres.org**

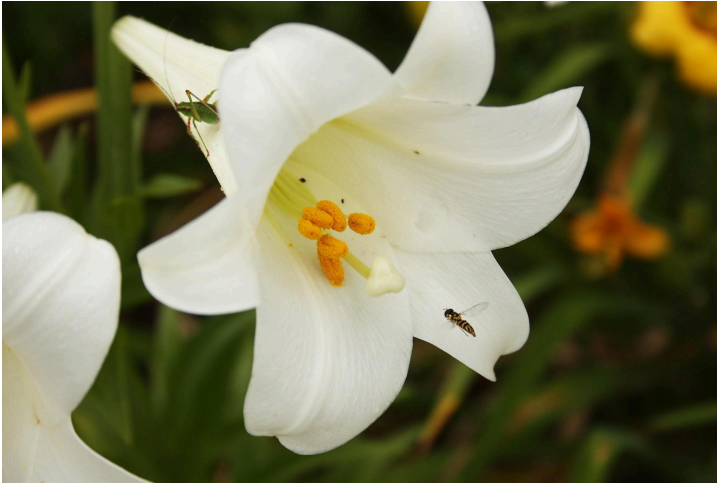
Renaissance Singers

Saturday, April 13, 4:00 p.m.

The Renaissance singers present “English Madrigals and Fa La La’s at Eastminster. Admission free. All are welcome.

PageTurners

PageTurners will be meeting in person and on Zoom this Saturday at 10 a.m. The book for April is “How to Stop Time” by Matt Haig. Please bring your book suggestions to the meeting so books can be chosen for September, October and November.



Easter Flower Dedications 2024

Donated by:	In memory of
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
Sue and Chase Hunt	David Hunt, their son
Sue and Chase Hunt	Clarence Mann, her brother
	In honor of
Robert Kleine and Judy Karandjeff	The Kleine and Karandjeff Family

Advent House

We will be serving a meal at Advent House this Saturday. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please bring your food by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday or on Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.