



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
March 16, 2025**



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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

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

March 16, 2025

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 (*Psalm 27*)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation —

ALL: so why should I be afraid?

One: The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger,

ALL: so why should I tremble?

One: The one thing I ask of the Lord —

ALL: the thing I seek most —

One: is to live in the house of the Lord

ALL: all the days of my life.

One: In God's sanctuary I will offer sacrifices

*ALL: with shouts of joy and praise the Lord
with music and song!*

*Hymn #395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, sometimes I am impatient with my own journey and with the journey of others. I want us all to just be there, to just get it. Forgive me when I look at all that surrounds me rather than at you. Forgive me when fear takes the place of trust in you. Be my light and fortress when I face threatening people and situations. Overcome my fears and troubles.

*Silent Confession

*Kyrie #551

F C F B \flat C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F \sharp) (F \sharp m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B \flat C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

*Words of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 NRSVUE

Sermon Pausing for Prayer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Responsive Reading Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life
of whom shall I be afraid?*

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh —
my adversaries and foes —
they shall stumble and fall.

*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.*

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

*For God will hide me in God's shelter
in the day of trouble;*

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

*I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord.

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 #816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Laura Myer

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

Worship Credits: The call to worship and prayer of confession is adapted from liturgy by Barb Hedges-Goettl; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian

Greeter

Jesse Turner

Video Producer

Linda Hardenbergh

Flowers

Today's flowers 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: *March 16-March 23*

SUNDAY, 3/16

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
MONDAY, 3/17	
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 3/18	
Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Faith Formation	7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 3/19	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Community Connections Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 3/20	
Movie Night	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 3/21	
Hope in Action at PCO	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, 3/22	
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, 3/23	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.

Lent Devotional

This year's devotional will be "Turning Over Tables" by Kathy Escobar. We still have a few books available. The cost is \$10 each.

Drivers Needed

We are looking for people willing to drive others to church on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jeff Lapinski if you are willing and able.



Directories

Please let the church office know if you want any changes to your contact information in the directory.

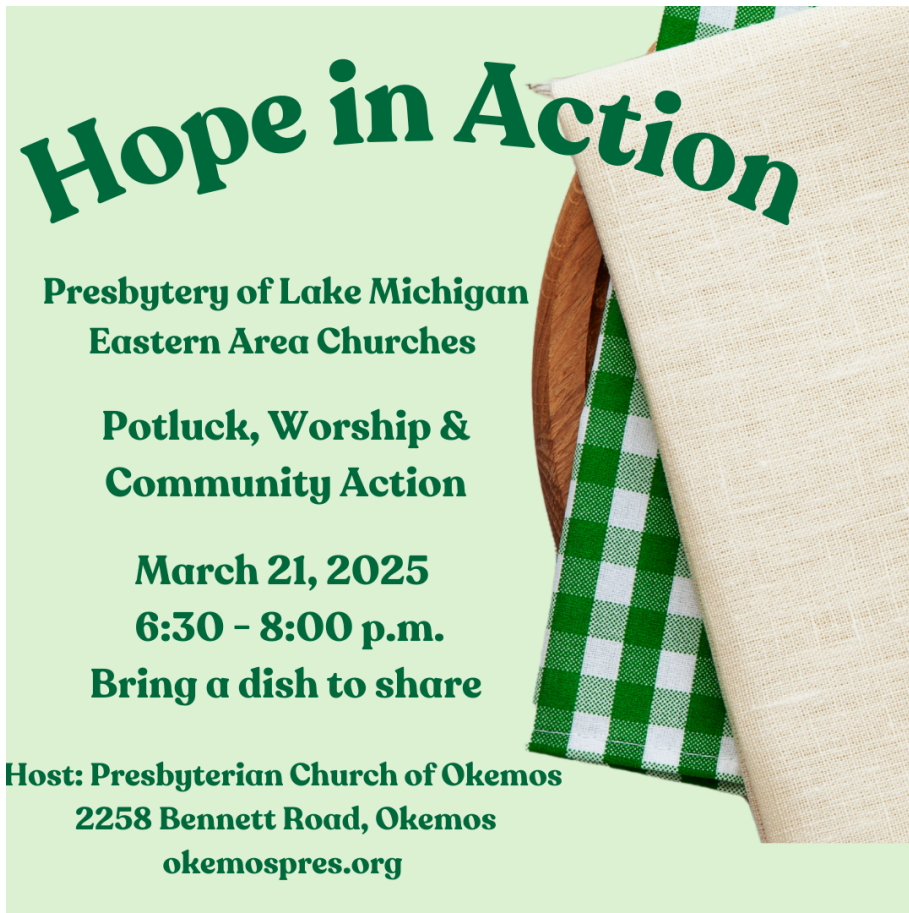
One Great Hour of Sharing

Collected from March 5 to April 20, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



Page Turners

Eastminster's book club will meet this Saturday at 10 a.m. in person and over Zoom. Estelle McGroarty will facilitate a discussion on "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby VanPelt.



Hope in Action

**Presbytery of Lake Michigan
Eastern Area Churches**

**Potluck, Worship &
Community Action**

**March 21, 2025
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Bring a dish to share

**Host: Presbyterian Church of Okemos
2258 Bennett Road, Okemos
okemospres.org**

Gathering Together

The local Presbyterian churches will be gathering every other month for dinner, a brief worship service, and end with an action item like writing our representatives. Building community is even more important right now, so let's put our hope into action together.

Ukraine donations

If you wish to make a donation to war relief in Ukraine, we still collect money that is donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund for Ukraine. Gifts can be made [online here](#) or put into the offering plate on Sunday.

Write Your Own Psalm

Either write or illustrate your own psalm using the guide below.

What words, phrases, sentences, or images that describe your trust in God?

What words, phrases, symbols/images describe the ways God protects you?

Your prayer of help to God: What fear do you want to name or illustrate?
For what are you asking God?

Words of praise to God that are on your lips: What images come to mind when you think of God's presence and protection? What does the face of God look like for you? When God sees your face, what does God see?



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