



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
March 9, 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](http://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 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

**\*Call to Worship**

One: We have started down a path that will take us to the cross.

*ALL: It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.*

One: We are invited to notice things on the way —

*ALL: To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground,  
the mercy of shade, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.*

One: We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:

*ALL: Hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow.*

One: On this walk, we rest and sing and pray and listen.

*ALL: In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.*

One: Then let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Holy God.*

*There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends,  
which we would like to forget.*

*There are those we believe are impossible to love,  
and so we don't try.*

*There are people who live on the edge of our society,  
and we ignore their cries for help.*

*Forgive us, God who comes near to us.  
 When we have lost our way, show us yours.  
 Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom.  
 Teach us your truth,  
 so we might be able to keep your Word,  
 revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Kyrie #551**

The musical score is written in G major, 6/4 time, and consists of three staves. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The chords are: (A) C, (D/F#) F/A, (F#m) Am, (G) Bb, (A) C, (Bm) Dm, (G) Bb, (D) F, (A) C, (Bm) Dm, (Em7) Gm7, (A) C, (Dsus) Fsus, (D) F.

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 25                      Old Testament, pp. 475-476

**Scripture in Video Form**              Psalm 25

**Sermon**                                      Pausing for Pilgrimage

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Responsive Reading**              Psalm 25

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies rejoice over me.

*Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame;*

*let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;  
teach me Your paths.

Let me in Your truth, and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation;  
for You I wait all day long.

*Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord,  
and of Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.*

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to Your steadfast love remember me,  
for Your goodness' sake, O Lord!

*Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.  
God leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble the way.*

### **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 #741**      Guide My Feet

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

### **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sue Kalvonjian

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

Worship Credits: The call to worship is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What is Good.'; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

### **Usher**

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

**Greeter**

Patsy King

**Video Producer**

Heather Myer

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by George and Sue Miller in recognition of National Organ Donor Month and Autism Awareness Month.

**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 9-March 16***

**SUNDAY, 3/9**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.
LMM Concert	3:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 3/10**

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 3/11**

Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
Session Meeting	7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 3/12**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 3/13**

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, 3/15**

Thelma Hadden Visitation	10:00 a.m.
Thelma Hadden Memorial	11:30 a.m.

## **SUNDAY, 3/16**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.

### **Movie Night**

Mark your calendars, on March 20th at 7pm we will have a movie night at the church. We'll be watching "The Way" starring Martin Sheen. This movie is about the Camino, the pilgrimage Pastor Kristin will be taking on her sabbatical.

### **Lent Devotional**

This year's devotional will be "Turning Over Tables" by Kathy Escobar. The church has ordered 20 copies of this book. You can purchase them from us for \$10 each or buy them online.

### **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.



### **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.



# 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](http://okemospres.org)**

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.



**Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.**

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