

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

**Senior Adult Lunch is Today at Za's on Devine:** Meet at Za's for a delicious lunch of lasagna, bread sticks, Greek salad, cookies, and tea. The cost is \$20 (cash or check to EPC). Thank you, Judy Holmes for organizing this event!

**The Peace Service is today at 4 pm in the Adult Reception Hall:** We invite all who are grieving the loss of a loved one to come quietly before God in prayer. This healing service is led by our Care pastors and is a Communion Service.

**Third Day Sundays@5 Class Meets in E-357 Tonight due to Peace Service.**

**Children's ECAMP is Tonight from 5 pm - 6:30 pm:** Children ages 4K through fifth grade are welcome to join us as we rehearse for our end-of-the-year program on May 5! See emails from Mrs. Stefanie for details.

**EDS Parent Organization invites you to stop by the PaperPie (Usborne & more!) Book Fair,** benefiting the Day School. Come to the Learning Lab, room 101 on the Sunday School hall today from 10-11:30am to check out great gifts and book options for all ages!

**Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, April 17, MENU (5:15 pm):** Chicken Wrapped in Bacon, Sautéed Greens, Tomato Pie, and Rolls. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

**WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class in April (4/17, 4/24):** Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, this class teaches how to meditate, detach, reflect, and refocus on God and his plan for your life. Meet in the CLC (Room 265) from 6:15 - 7 pm.

**Next GriefShare is April 17 from 6:15-7:30 pm (Room 351- Ed Bldg):** For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, come to these pastor-led discussions for hope, help, and healing. GriefShare meets April 17, May 8, and May 22, 2024.

**Bible Doers will "Do" on Thursday, April 18, at the Oliver's' Home:** Stop by anytime between 6 and 8 am. Help with donations for Transitions Third Thursday meal, and enjoy fellowship, a walk, and prayer with each other. The coffee is always plentiful and hot!

**Serve at Transitions on Thursday, April 18:** Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm or meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or at 5 pm to serve the meal. To help, contact Alison McGowan at [alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

**Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is April 25 from 7 until 9 pm:** Gather at the Newsome's to catch up and pray. Bring a dessert or an appetizer and a canned good for Harvest Hope. Sign up on the website.

**EPW Sisters in Christ Dinner is April 30 in Thompson Hall (5:30-7:30 pm):** All ladies are invited! Enjoy dinner and guest speaker, Eastminster's missionary Natalie Hall. The cost is only \$8!

**Endowment Dinner and Program is Wednesday, May 1:** Join us for P.I.G.- Prepare, Invest, and Give- BBQ dinner and learn how to plan long-term giving. There will be a panel of experts and interactive discussions and Q&A on EPC's Endowment. Register online today.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 24-27, 2024 (9 am - 12 pm):** Rising 4K through rising 4th graders (\$20) and rising 5th and 6th graders (\$30) will enjoy crafts, games, music, and lessons focused on this year's Bible theme. You can register online. Volunteers are needed!

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

**Unison Reading: Psalm 40:1-5**

**<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

**<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

### SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** KIM ANDREWS AND JONI RICHARDSON  
**HEAD USHER:** JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)

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### MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

#### STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Bill Collins, Business Manager  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER  
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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## Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

In Christ's name, we welcome you to Eastminster. We hope that you will feel the love and peace of Christ as you worship with us. Please take this time to silence the world and focus your heart and mind on worshipping our living God.

*“So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory.” Romans 15:7.*

## PRELUDE

*Prelude on the “Crusader's Hymn”*

Gregory Hamilton

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When life is chaotic and confusing,

**People: Lord, give us peace.**

Leader: When we are overwhelmed and afraid,

**People: Lord, give us peace.**

Leader: When we are lost in darkness and grief,

**People: Lord, give us peace.**

**All: Risen Lord, meet us in this hour of worship and grant us peace!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(9:00 am)*

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*\*GLORIA PATRI *(Please send the children forward.)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### \*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Adelaide Stewart Laffitte *(11:15 am)*

### BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**Gracious God, even with the sounds and scents of Easter still lingering, we confess that our doubts and fears sometimes override our hope and faith. Forgive us. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your embracing love and instead fall into despair, or stumble in disinterest. Awaken us from spiritual slumber. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us claim the promise of new life here and now, as well as the hope of resurrection for the future. Hear our silent confessions, O Master, and forgive us our sins....**

### SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #246

*Christ Is Alive!*

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

### SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

If you or someone you know is in need of special prayer today or if you would like to speak personally with a pastor about making a first-time commitment to Christ or growing in the Christian faith and discipleship, a pastor is on hand to speak with you following the worship service today by the pulpit in the front of the Sanctuary.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Risen Lord*

K. Lee Scott

O risen Lord, O glorious Son, Now is the mighty battle won: Songs of praising we are raising: Alleluia! On the third morning he arose, shining in vict'ry o'er his foes; Earth is singing, heaven is ringing: Alleluia! After the death that him befell, Christ our Lord, has harrowed hell Sing with gladness, gone is sadness: Alleluia! The Lord of all things lives anew, And all the saints are rising, too: May our living be thanksgiving: Alleluia!

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### OFFICER'S PRAYER

Kim Andrews

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Psalm 40:1-5**

Scripture Focus: Luke 24:36-49

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“When Doubts Arise”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #485

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be at your back; may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field and until we meet again, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*Gigue Fugue on "Engleberg"*

William H. Bates

### \*A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP



### WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power, and purpose among us. If you would like for us to connect with you, please scan the QR code or leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

### INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

*Contact the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.*

### DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Adelaide Stewart Laffitte, daughter of Usher and Jessie Laffitte, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Deacon George Hutton will offer the baptismal prayer.

### April 21, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. \*\*CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.

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