

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Congratulations to our 2023 Confirmands, who were received at the 9:00 am service: Henry Price Anders, Carter McMillan Atkins, Jane Broughton Babcock, Laura Carlson Boggs, Hollis Catherwood Craven, Nicholson Wrenn Deese, Maddox Barton Elliott, John Michael Florence, Anna Grace Getz, Eden Dorsey Hall, Cate Mclean Horger, Richard McDaniel (Mac) Kitchens, Mia Witherspoon Kosciusko, Wyatt James Kosciusko, Kathryn Baye Lewis, Tinnin Lee Lewis, Emma Campbell Lumpkin, Anna Claire McCain, Henry Barre Morris, Lydia Johnston Morton, Jayden Robert Nelson, Anne Perry (AP) Porter, Emily Elliott Sitton, Zachary Hindes Swan, Isabel Ann Van Horn, Jackson Filer Waite

Sundays@5 Journey Through the Bible with Dr. Douglass Key continues tonight, April 23, April 30, May 7, and the last class on May 21.

Be a “Bible Doer” on April 19 anytime between 6 am and 8 am: Meet at Beth and Hampton Oliver’s home the third Wednesday of the month for coffee, fellowship, and service- making banana bread and pasta salad for Transitions.

Sisters in Christ Dinner (\$7) is April 19, at 5:30 pm, in Thompson Hall (TH): The 2023 Lifetime Member Award winners and officers will be announced. RSVP at www.eastminsterpres.org's Upcoming Events.

Transitions Third Thursday is April 20: Donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes are due to the Church Office (Staff Kitchen) by 4 pm. Servers meet at Transitions by 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan to help out (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

April 23 is Peanut Butter Sunday: Drop off donations in the Harvest Hope bins around campus. April’s donations will go to North Star Center for Hope.

Middle School Summer Conference, “Just As I Am,” is July 23-27: Please visit the website’s Upcoming Events to learn more and register by **April 23**.

Endowment Committee Presents, Pig & Probate BBQ Dinner and Program: On Wednesday, April 26, from 5:15 pm - 7:30 pm in Thompson Hall, you’re invited to learn about Estate Planning and Probate Administration. Judge Amy McCulloch will speak followed by Q&A with a panel of experts including Johnny Hudgens, Thomas Kilpatrick, and Billy Newsome. RSVP at www.eastminsterpres.org's Upcoming Events.

The last Wednesday Night Bible Study for MS & HS Youth is April 26.

Eastminster’s 75th Anniversary Special Music Sunday is April 30: There will be two worship services only in the Sanctuary at 9 am and 11:15 am. The worship services will be a time of thanksgiving and rededication with blended music.

The last Sunday Night MS & HS Youth Group is April 30.

Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is May 4: Join Eastminster friends for fellowship and refreshments at the Oliver’s house. Whether you are an empty nester with kids in college or just want to reconnect with Eastminster friends, plan to join Lightly Seasoned. To RSVP and sign up to bring an appetizer, visit the website’s Upcoming Events.

Service Commitment Sunday is May 7, 2023: This is a day not only to honor volunteers with light refreshments in the Courtyard during the Sunday School hour (10-11 am), but also the kick-off to Time and Talent. Visit the website and fill out a Time & Talent questionnaire indicating ministries you would like to explore, and someone from the ministries you select will be in touch with you.

The Drop-In Nursery is Hiring Summer Staff: Care for children (8-weeks to 4-years) Tuesday-Thursday from 8:45 am-12 pm. Send your resume to Croskeys Royall (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Warren “Lee” Cope. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given in loving memory of Dorothy Beadles Halligan by her family.

Unison Reading: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: THOMAS RHODES AND STEPHEN SANSBURY
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9 A.M.) BILL COGGINS (11:15 A.M.)

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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, Interim Parish Associate
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Bill Collins, Business Manager
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications
Emily Higgins Interim Dir. Middle School Youth
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V Director

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023

11:15 A.M.

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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.

All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional, with masks available at the Welcome Center if you'd like one.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 27

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

All: Let us worship our God with praise!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #634

To God Be the Glory

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**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 4K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming flame inside us. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Hear us now, as we silently confess our sins to you in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world...

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 #443

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

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

I Will Wait for You

arr. Victor Johnson

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call; incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord. Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze; I stand redeemed by grace alone. I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely. I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied. So put your hope in God alone. Take courage in His pow'r to save. Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave. He has come to make a way. And God Himself has paid the price, That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.

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

Stephen Sansbury

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Matthew 28:16-20

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Faith and Doubt”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT, PROFESSION OF FAITH, BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #69 (verses 1 & 2)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONFIRMATION PRAYER AND CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

Pastor: Prayer

All: Defend, O Lord, these newest brothers and sisters in Christ with your heavenly grace that they may always love you, growing each day in wisdom and grace, serving you with joy until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.

Pastor: Now may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory, confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen!

*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.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #634 (verse 3)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION



*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 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 on-going ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Warren Lee Cope, son of Brant and Dana Cope, received the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 9:00 a.m. worship service. Gabriel DiBiase gave the prayer.