

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**TODAY AT THE 9:00 AM SERVICE WE RECOGNIZE OUR SECOND GRADERS** who completed Worship Discovery: Ellen Ames, Gabe Anderson, Emily Barnes, Elizabeth Bradley, William Brearley, Emma Grace Bullard, Graham Burbage, George Burt, Mary Monroe Carter, Louise Covar, Weston Dover, Tolson Dumont, Scarlett Frazier, **Evelyn Harrison**, Henry Hudson, George Hutton, **Tennent Jeffords**, Wallis Johnson, Lilla Kloskey, **Connors Knight**, **Clara Gray Knight**, **Caroline Laval**, Mac Lindsay, **Towles Lovelace**, Claire Moses, Layne Prevost, Virginia Rhodes, Anna Grace Sipes, Ella Smith, and Kellen Whiteside (Names in bold print indicate perfect attendance).

**The Peace Service is today at 4 pm in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH):** We will celebrate survivors of COVID, and give thanks for much healthier times.

**Easter Lily Dedications are due tomorrow:** Forms are at the Welcome Center or online at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org).

**Class of 2026 Officer Nominating Forms are due tomorrow:** Hard copies are at our Welcome Centers, or visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org), select "Meet Our Team" "Elders" or "Deacons," to nominate online.

**Sundays@5 Journey Through the Bible with Dr. Douglass Key** will continue tonight, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, and 5/7 with the last class on 5/21.

**ECAMP (4K-Fifth Graders) 75th Birthday Party Tonight 5 pm-6:30 pm:** This is the last ECAMP of the semester. Drop off in the Sanctuary. We will rehearse and then move to the Gym for dinner and cake. Please pick up your child from the Gym by 6:30. Volunteers needed. Please see Fredna's email on March 28 ([flee@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:flee@eastminsterpres.org)).

**The PC Choir and Bella Voce Concert is April 14 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary:** Enjoy contemporary interpretations of choral, folk, and spiritual music.

**April 16th is Confirmation Sunday 11:15 am (Sanctuary):** Confirmands will be presented with Bibles as well as stoles to represent their spiritual gifts.

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

**Sisters in Christ Dinner is April 19 at 5:30 pm in Thompson Hall (TH):** Join us for a light meal (\$7) as we honor our 2023 Lifetime Member Award recipients. EPW's 2023-2024 Officers will also be announced. RSVP at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)'s Upcoming Events.

**Adult Mission Trip to Ft. Myers, FL is April 24-29, 2023:** Join Dr. Ben Sloan and ministry partner, St. James Presbytery, in hurricane relief efforts. Visit Upcoming Events to learn more and sign up.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, April 5:

Movie Night: *Godspell*, Thompson Hall

#### Thursday, April 6:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, **Thompson Hall**, 7 pm

#### Friday, April 7:

Good Friday Service, **Sanctuary**, 7 pm

#### Easter Sunday, April 9:

Sunrise Service, **Courtyard**, 6:30 am.

Traditional Easter Services, **Sanctuary**, 8:45 **and** 10:30 am

Courtyard Celebration, 9:45 am.

Contemporary Easter Service, **Thompson Hall**, 10:30 am.

Unison Reading: Matthew 21:6-13

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

### SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** ANN CAMERON AND SIMMONS PURDY  
**HEAD USHER:** JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) RANDY LIGGITT (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, 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

Bethany Parker, Director of 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



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

## 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

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Ride On, King Jesus* Moses Hogan  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a hinder thee. I was but young when I begun, but now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse, the ribber of Jordan he did cross. He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of peace.

Traditional spiritual

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem.

People: **Open us heart, soul and mind to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Stir up within us the gift of faith...

All: **That we may not only praise our Savior with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 am)

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*Unison*) (from 1 Corinthians 15)

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. 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.

## PRESENTATION OF WORSHIP DISCOVERY BIBLES

9 am

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**On this day, Lord Jesus, we picture ourselves waving palm branches and shouting “hosanna!” But we are also like the Scribes and Pharisees in plotting and planning to get what we want. We see ourselves like the disciples when they did well. But we are also like the disciples in denying, doubting and even betraying You. Forgive us, O Lord, for not following you to the end, and hear now the silent confessions of our hearts.**

## 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, forgiving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

## 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

*I Saw the Cross of Jesus* Victor Johnson

I saw the cross of Jesus, When burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus To give me peace within; I brought my soul to Jesus, He cleansed it in his blood; And in the cross of Jesus I found my peace with God. I love the cross of Jesus, It tells me what I am-A poor and guilty creature, Saved only through the Lamb; No righteousness nor merit, No beauty can I plead; Yet in the cross of glory, My title there I read. I trust the cross of Jesus, In ev'ry trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, My never failing tow'r. In ev'ry fear and conflict, I more than conquer am; Living, I'm safe and dying, Through Christ, the risen Lamb. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died. My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

## \*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

Ann Cameron

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Matthew 21:6-13**

Scripture Focus: Matthew 26:1-16

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“The Good the Bad, the Beautiful, and the Ugly”

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #215

*What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

## \*CHARGE

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*Amen* Peter Lutkin

## POSTLUDE

## \*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 Christina Siokos ([csiokos@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) or 256-1654 x123) 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.

## April 9, 2023

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

THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS