

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Drop your jars in Harvest Hope bins found around campus. Thank you for your donations each fourth Sunday that help the fight against hunger in The Midlands.

Support the Eastminster Day School: Today from 10 am – 11 am, visit room 101 for a Book Fair benefiting the Day School. There are books for all ages. If you can't make it today, you can shop online at <https://c3544.paperpic.com/2525647>.

Sundays@5 Journey Through the Bible with Dr. Douglass Key: Continues to-night, April 30, May 7, and May 21.

Registration Ends Today for Middle School Summer Conference, "Just As I Am": To learn more and register, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/eastminster-middle-school-conference/>.

Join us Wednesday for Pig & Probate BBQ Dinner and Program: Join us this Wednesday, April 26, from 5:15 pm - 7:30 pm in Thompson Hall to learn about Estate Planning and Probate Administration. Judge Amy McCulloch will speak followed by Q&A with a panel of experts including Jeff Hopkins and EPC members Thomas Kilpatrick and Billy Newsome. Please register by noon today at <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/pig-probate-endowment-dinner-and-program/>.

This week is the last Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study: Next Sunday is the last Youth Group for MS & HS Youth.

Join us for Music Sunday on April 30: The 75th Anniversary Committee and Worship & Music Ministries invite you to Special Music Sunday with the Chancel Choir, guest orchestra, and our Jubilee Worship Band for a time of thanksgiving and rededication. The worship service will be in the Sanctuary at 9 am and 11:15 am (2 services only that Sunday).

Call for Photos on Music Sunday (April 30): If you 1) were married at EPC, 2) were baptized at EPC, 3) joined in the last 25 years, or 4) have been a member for over 50 years, we want to capture your photo as part of celebrating our 75th Anniversary. Meet in the Courtyard after the 9am service for the group photos; if it is raining, meet in the Sanctuary.

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 us. To RSVP, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/lightly-seasoned-spring-social/>.

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 am - 11 am), but also the kick-off to Time and Talent. Time and Talent questionnaires are available now; please fill out a questionnaire indicating ministries you would like to explore, and someone from the ministries you select will be in touch with you. To fill out a questionnaire, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/time-talent-kick-off/>.

Work for the Drop-In Nursery this Summer: Care for children (8-weeks to 4-years) Tuesday-Thursday from 8:45 am until 12 pm. For consideration, please send your resume to Croskeys Royall (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

Register and Volunteer for VBS: This year's theme is Food Truck Party. Join us June 26-29 from 9 am - noon for an exciting week filled with Bible stories, crafts, music, and, of course, food trucks! Volunteers are needed, so please register your child and/or sign up to help by visiting <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/vbs-2023/>.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by Buddy and Margaret Cullum in honor of their grandchildren Baker, Reese, Chase, Campbell and Hank. **Flowers in the narthex** are given in celebration of the baptism of Charlotte McLeod Coble by her parents Kristen and Daniel Coble.

Unison Reading: Acts 11:22b-26

²² The church in Jerusalem ... sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

SERMON NOTES



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DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND CHESLEY GOOD
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (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
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 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

It Is Well With My Soul with Theme from Moonlight Sonata arr. Marilyn Hamm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 36

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: **All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house,

People: **And you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: **In your light we see light.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #838

Standing on the Promises PROMISES

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Smith (9:00 am)
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan (11:15 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte McLeod Coble (9:00 am)
James Spencer Verner McCants (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188 (9:00 am)

Jesus Loves Me! JESUS LOVES ME

BAPTISMAL HYMN #611 (11:15 am)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of great mercy, we bow before you this morning, humbled before your presence of pure light and love. We confess that we have willfully gone our own way, we have not done what we know is right and true, and instead have served ourselves and our desires. Standing here in your presence, we see ourselves as we are, imperfect yet wanting to be so much more, for you. Dear Lord, release us from the bondage of our sins through the light of your forgiving and unrelenting love. May we find your peace as we silently confess to you now...

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! TRURO

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

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

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

Dove of Peace arr. Judy Phillips
Memorial Handbells

*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

Judy Holmes

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Acts 11:22b-26 Page 122
Scripture Focus: Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-20 Page 123 & 125

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*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

SERMON

“A Calling from the Holy Spirit”

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutken/Larsen

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major J. S. Bach

*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 ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Charlotte McLeod Coble, daughter of Kristen and Daniel Coble, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. John Hart will offer the baptismal prayer.

James Spencer Verner McCants, son of Spencer and Melissa McCants, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. George McCutchen will offer the baptismal prayer.

April 30, 2023

Music Sunday