

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Today is Communion Sunday.

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday. Your donations each fourth Sunday help fight hunger in The Midlands. Harvest Hope bins can be found in reception areas around campus.

No Regular Children's ECAMP Tonight: We'll rehearse in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour today (10:15 - 11:15 am) for our end-of-the-year program on May 5. Join us at the Fireflies game tonight!

Join us Tonight for the Fireflies Baseball Game, Faith and Family Night: Prior to the game, which is at 5:05 pm, you can attend a free Christian music concert. Pick up tickets at the ticket window.

EPW Sisters in Christ Dinner is this Tuesday in Thompson Hall: All ladies are invited to join us from 5:30 until 7:30 pm! Enjoy dinner and guest speaker, Natalie Hall- one of Eastminster's missionaries. We will also announce the EPW Honorary Life Membership award winners. The cost is only \$8, and you can still sign up!

P.I.G. Endowment Dinner and Program is Wednesday, May 1: Enjoy a barbecue dinner and learn about preparing, investing, and giving from guest speakers and a panel of experts including attorneys Billy Newsome and Bert Brannon, and financial advisor Russ Purdy, as well as MSB Chair, Stephen Sansbury.

MENU: Pulled Pork BBQ, Rice Hash, Corn, Butterbeans & Hush Puppies. Register online by Wednesday at noon. *This is our last WE@EPC meal of the Spring.*

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday is May 5: Join us in the Courtyard during the Sunday School hour (10 - 11 am) for coffee and doughnuts.

Children's Emphasis Sunday at Eastminster is May 5. Our Children's Choirs will sing during Traditional worship and will perform for us on Sunday evening at ECAMP's end-of-the-year program.

Next GriefShare is May 8 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. Our last meeting for this session is on May 22.

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 12: We will recognize High School Seniors during 11:15 am worship in the Sanctuary.

Mother's Day Special Offering for Presbyterian Communities on May 12: Your generosity each year benefits Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. Your support to the Mother's Day Offering is vital.

DivorceCare continues on May 15, from 6:15 -7:30 pm: These are pastor-led discussions to guide and comfort those who are facing challenges of a broken relationship. Join us in Room 351 of the Education Building. The last meeting for this session will be on May 29.

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, Camp Firelight. You can register online. Volunteers are needed!.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by Buddy and Margaret Cullum in honor of their grandchildren, Baker, Reese, Chase, Campbell, and Hank.

UNISON READING: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: GEOFF REABOLD AND KATHY WINTERHALTER
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
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EASTMINSTER
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, BWV 654

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1, 22-24

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day that the LORD has made;**

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

God of abundant love, We have heard your call to listen to Jesus, by observing the life he lived and practicing his radical love and hospitality. We have chosen instead to pick apart the Good News we like, and discard the rest. Forgive us. We too often hoard our blessings, keeping our distance from those who wait for comfort and healing, rather than doing the work of compassion and peacemaking that you would have us do. Pull us from our complacency, and transform our discipleship by the renewing of our minds and our spirits. Amen.

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 #288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

This Is the Day

John Rutter

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height. Praise him all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light, let them praise the Name of the Lord; For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and coming in: from this time forth forevermore. He shall defend thee under his wings. Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Words from Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121, & 27

OFFICER'S PRAYER

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Jeff Thor-

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

“Welcomed to Serve”

*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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HYMN OF PREPARATION #500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto The Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

*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

Improvisation on “Beach Spring”

*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.

May 5, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith