

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmands, who will be received this morning: Parker Branham, Sawyer Cannon, Ainsley Carrington, Virginia Cruea, Christian Daves, Reid Denmark, Andrew Dennis, Colin Fitzgerald, Ella Foley, Lyla George, Madden George, Quinn Hall, Ella Homewood, Wilkins Johnson, Catherine Jowers, Parker Kloskey, Emily Lansche, Brian Magargle, Virginia Mann, William McWilliams, IV, Nathan Moise, Charlotte Mood, Grayson Elle Pooser, Brooks Rhame, Jackson Ross, Ellison Sansbury, Wilkes Smith, Lucy Stallworth, Dalton Stursberg, John Thompson, Lillie Clay Turner, Mary Cameron Turner, Michael Wehman, Jr, Joseph Wilson, V, Virginia Reese Wingo

Children's ECAMP is Tonight from 5 pm - 6:30 pm: Children ages K4 through fifth grade are welcome! Parents, please pick up your children in Thompson Hall (this week only). See emails from Mrs. Stefanie for details.

April is Family Promise Month: Volunteers are needed on April 28 at 4 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran Church to attend and meet families at the Palmetto Chamber Orchestra. For more details or to sign up, call Laura Long at 803.530.6731.

EPW's Prayer Breakfast is April 9 at 8:15 am in Thompson Hall (\$6): Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer. All EPC women are invited.

Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, April 10, MENU (5:15 pm): Beef and Lamb Gyros, Roasted Root Vegetables, & Tabbouleh Salad. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

DivorceCare Begins on April 10 from 6:15-7:30 pm (Room 351-Ed Bldg): These are pastor-led discussions to guide and comfort those who are facing challenges of a broken relationship. This group meets on the following dates: April 10, April 24, May 15, & May 29, 2024.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class in April (4/10, 4/17, 4/24): Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, learn how to meditate, detach, reflect, and refocus on God and his plan for your life. Meet in the CLC (Room 265) from 6:15 pm - 7 pm.

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

Serve at Transitions 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 to serve the meal. To help, contact Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

Senior Adult Lunch is next Sunday, April 14, 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). Please RSVP to Judy Holmes (judyholmes@yahoo.com).

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

Join us for the Fireflies Baseball Game, Faith and Family Night, on April 28: Game begins at 5:05 pm and seats are in the shade behind home plate! Kids will get to run the bases after the game. The cost is \$13/ticket, and you can sign up now.

EPW Sisters in Christ Dinner is April 30 in Thompson Hall (5:30-7:30 pm): All ladies are invited! Enjoy 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.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, Jr. who were married Saturday, April 6.

Unison Reading: John 21:1-8

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PEYTON BRYANT AND CHESLEY GOOD
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
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EASTMINSTER
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

James Biery

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 118)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live;

People: And recount the deeds of the Lord.

ALL: This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

**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 everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. We fail to love and feed the sheep that you have given us to tend. We stand by while some are threatened and even participate in persecution. Forgive us, God of grace. Change the path we are on, show us the light of your way, and send us forth to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we dare to approach you now in silent confession.

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!

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. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

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

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

arr. David Hamilton

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin in sacrifice to conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah! For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive He stands. Their friend and King. Sing, sing hallelujah! Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah! Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Where doubt and darkness once had been they saw Him and their hearts believed, But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hallelujah! Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace, And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save; He frees our hearts to live His grace, go tell of His goodness. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah! Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! He's alive! Now in heaven, glorified!

*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

Paul Trippe

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Total Recall”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #726 (verses 1 & 2)

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*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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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 #726 (verses 3, 4 and 5)

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*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

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

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 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.

April 14, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith