

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Fall Worship Schedule Starts This Morning:** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 9 am and 11:15 am; Jubilee in Thompson Hall at 11:15 am. Sunday School at 10 am; adults will be in the Adult Reception Hall for an Open House.

**SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Pool Party Tonight:** 1st-5th graders meet at Gregg Park from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. Pizza (\$3). Volunteers are needed! Contact Croskeys Royall- [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

**Sundays@5 Begins Tonight:** Tonight and on August 27, gather for a Bible Study, "The Theology of the Land" led by Dr. Douglass Key. Those traveling to the Holy Land and others who may be considering this pilgrimage (Oct 30-Nov 9) should join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH).

**Youth Wednesday Night Bible Studies Start this Wednesday, August 16:** Middle School will meet from 6 pm-7:30 pm in rooms 261-263 (CLC) and end in the Gameroom. High School will meet from 7 pm - 8:30 pm, on the third floor of the CLC.

**ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) Begins August 20:** K4-5th Grade will gather in the Sanctuary each Sunday from 5 pm - 6:30 pm for rehearsal followed by a meal (\$4). Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Register your child and sign up to volunteer by visiting: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/ecamp-kickoff-is-august-20/>

*\*Note - no ECAMP for K4-K5 children on August 13 during the SWAG Pool Party.*

**Christian Life Center's Fitness Open House is August 20 (5 pm-6:30 pm):** Learn about the variety of Fitness Classes for members and guests at great prices. The event (and childcare) is free, but you must register. <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/christian-life-center-open-house/>

**The Small Groups Facilitator's Workshop is August 23:** Facilitators are invited to gather from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Thompson Hall for dinner and a guest speaker- Ministry Coach from Proverbs 31 Ministries, Lisa Allen. RSVP at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=8c346960-088a-4333-9a6d-caf8215f1930>

**The Small Groups Kickoff Dinner is Sept 7:** All current and interested Small Group participants are invited to Thompson Hall from 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm for dinner, a guest speaker, and to hear about what all is planned for the Program year. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/small-group-kickoff-dinner/>.

**Alpha Leader Training and Event Kickoff September 6 & 13:** Alpha is an evangelistic course that introduces the basics of the Christian faith through talks and discussion. Leaders meet on September 6, and the class begins on September 13. Register at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/alpha-course/>.

**Join our Greeter Team this Fall:** Training is September 17 from 10 am - 11 am in the Parlor. To sign up, contact Lib Foster- [lfoster@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:lfoster@eastminsterpres.org).

**Men's Fall Retreat is Oct 6-8 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center:** Escape with purpose. Find refreshment through outdoor activities, good food, fellowship, engaging worship, and messages of conviction. The Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod is the speaker. Only 27 spots remain. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/>.

**Registration for the Advent Retreat is Open:** Advent Retreat is an intergenerational conference that will take place at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. The guest pastor is Rev. Ed Black. Register at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/>

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Psalm 105:1-5

**<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

**<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

**<sup>4</sup>Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

**<sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered...**

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** CARMEN ATKINS AND WARREN DARBY  
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor	Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate	Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate	Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist
Bill Collins, Business Manager	Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer	Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V Director	



EASTMINSTER  
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 13, 2023  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

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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

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Mack Willberg

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## INTROIT

*In the Beauty of Your Holiness* Cindy Berry 1994  
Lord, You alone are holy, In rev'rence I bow to You. Lord, You alone are worthy of praise and honor true. I glory in Your matchless name; I lift my voice in song. You are holy, worthy God, most worthy God. In the beauty of Your holiness, I come to You, Your name to bless. In the beauty of Your holiness, I bow to worship You. Lord, You are alone are mighty, maker of sky and sea. Lord, You alone are Savior whose blood has set me free. Creator of the universe, Redeemer of my soul, You are Savior, mighty God. Someday soon I'll see You in all Your glory. Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess “You are Lord, You are Lord!”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome each of you to God's house on this Sabbath day.  
People: **Here, God welcomes both dreamers and doubters;**  
Leader: Welcome worriers, wanderers and those who work too much.  
People: **Here, we remember that we are the beloved of God; created, provided for and chosen by God in Jesus the Christ.**  
All: **Drawn by the magnetic grace of God, let us equip and encourage one another to boldly follow Jesus.**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower* PROMISE

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(9 am)*

Victor Breeden John V  
and Elizabeth McLeod John

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #487 (verses 1 & 2)

*These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow: with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name. Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community; empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**By your grace, O God, we are ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven, yet we often fail to sing your praises. You pour out grace and favor upon us, yet we often take you for granted. Like a Shepherd you daily tend and spare us, but we are often too distracted, too busy to give thanks, much less follow you. Forgive us, O Lord, even as we lift our silent confessions 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 #450

*Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**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

*Song of Aspiration* Craig Courtney, 1990  
May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day, By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say. May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r. May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing. This is victory. May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

Kate B. Wilkerson, 1925

## \*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.**

\*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

## \*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Carmen Atkins

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Psalm 105:1-5** Page 525  
Scripture Focus: Romans 10:5-15 Page 150

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"Would You Rather Be 'Right' Or Be Loved?" Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

## \*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

*Postlude Brevis on "Beach Spring"* arr. David Lasky

## \*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.*

## DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Elizabeth McLeod John and Victor Breeden John V, daughter and son of Breeden and Sarah John, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning. Berry Mattox will offer the baptismal prayer.

## August 20, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
Romans 11:1-6, 29-32