

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Adult VBS is here: Welcome Rev. Dr. Stan Saunders, Professor Emeritus (New Testament) from Columbia Theological Seminary, who is preaching this morning as well as leading two additional parable sessions tonight and tomorrow night. We look forward to seeing those of you who registered in Thompson Hall for dinner beginning at 5:30 both nights. We should finish by 7:00 pm.

Transitions Third Thursday is August 18th at Transitions: Donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes are due to the Church Office by 4:00 pm on Thursday. Servers should be at Transitions by 5:00 pm. Contact Alison if you can help at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

Next Sunday is Fall Kick-off Sunday: We'll return to three worship services: two services in the sanctuary at 9 am and 11:15 am, and one contemporary service (Jubilee) at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall. Children's and Youth Sunday School will also resume at 10 am in break-out classrooms.

Join us for our Adult Sunday School Open House August 21st at 10 am (Thompson Hall): Join us for an overview of current Sunday School classes to find the best fit for you. There are couples and individual classes of various ages and interests. Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Elementary Pool Party is August 21st: Join us at Gregg Park's pool from 5 pm - 6:30 pm for fun, games and pizza (\$3) by the pool. Please check Children's Ministry ENews for more details, and contact Croskeys if you can chaperone: croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

Youth Pool Parties are August 21st (5 pm - 6:30 pm): Thank you Kitchens family for hosting HS Youth! Look for GroupMe texts from Bethany for MS Youth location. At both events we will enjoy food and fellowship and will cool down in the pool.

Give the gift of life this summer! Donate blood on Thursday, August 25th (1 pm - 6 pm), in the Christian Life Center (Gym). Our goal is 35 donors! Visit our website, www.eastminsterpres.org, and find the blood drive link under "Upcoming Events."

Intergenerational Brunch is September 4th at 10 am (Courtyard): Join us for a time of food and fellowship as we bid farewell to summer.

Learn How to Make Chrismons for Eastminster's Christmas Tree: Carol Anderson will lead two workshops, October 5th at 10 am or October 12th at 7 pm. Please email Carol at cga1655@gmail.com to let her know when you will attend. Workshops are limited to 15 participants.

Small Group Facilitator Dinner and Training is August 28th: If you currently lead your Small Group or are interested in starting/leading a Small Group this fall, you don't want to miss our SG Facilitator Training session. Join us in Thompson Hall on August 28th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register.

Alpha Kick-off is September 14th at *5:30 pm (Thompson Hall): The Alpha Course is a 10-week series with a day retreat that explores the Christian faith for seekers, new believers, and those looking for answers to many of life's questions. Leaders are Pastor Brian Marsh and Laura Long. Dinner and childcare provided. Visit our website to register. (*The food line opens at 5 pm.)

Join a Small Group (SG) this Fall! Email SG Director Caroline Bennett, cbennett@eastminsterpres.org, who will help you get connected in a new SG in September. Mark your calendars now for the SG Kick-off Dinner on Thursday, September 8, 5:30 pm until 7 pm, in Thompson Hall. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson.

The Call to Worship was written by Thom Shuman, and is posted on his excellent **Lectionary Liturgies** website: <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008/11/reign-of-christ.html>

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Elizabeth Cline (Betty) Buckner by her grandparents, Jim and Kathy Buckner.

Unison Reading: Romans 15:1-7

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. ³For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CARMEN ATKINS AND CHARLIE MIMMS
HEAD USHER: RANDY LIGGITT

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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PRESBYTERIAN



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 2022

10:30 A.M.

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AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we welcome you to the Sanctuary at Eastminster. This is a place set apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.

*“God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

****All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional. This decision, made by the Session, relates to all Eastminster programs and events. In the event you would like a mask, they are available at the Welcome Center.**

PRELUDE

Adagio W.A. Mozart

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

People: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

All: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

—written by Thom Shuman

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #36

For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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 4K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Cline Buckner

BAPTISMAL HYMN #250

In the Bulb There Is A Flower PROMISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

God of all people, you have called us to walk humbly before you and to share with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

Today, we come before you asking your Spirit to empower us to be agents of transformation for the world. Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed can find the living waters of God, who calls us to live a life of service, of humility, and of reconciliation with you, with creation, and with the world. 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 #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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 MUSIC

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Tom Shelton

Talk about a child that do love Jesus, Here's one. Ever since I heard the Gospel story, I been walkin' up the road to glory
Talk about a child that do love Jesus, Here's one. I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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

Carmen Atkins

*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
FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“What If We Are All Goats?”

Rev. Dr. Stan Saunders

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #287

Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

*CHARGE

*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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Wayne Wold

*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 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 on-going ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Elizabeth Cline Buckner, daughter of Hannah and Danny Buckner, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. Miriam Covar will offer the baptismal prayer.

August 21, 2022

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith