

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

We Welcome Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty to the pulpit this morning. She is professor of Theology and Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC. In addition to preaching this morning, she will keynote the dinner gatherings for this year's Adult VBS tonight and tomorrow evening. You can still join us for "Love at the Heart of Things" in Thompson Hall at 5:30 pm.

The Hendrickson Family from Marsh Harbour, Abaco is visiting with us today in Jubilee. Barrett and Carrie Hendrickson are missionaries with Caribbean Youth Network (CYN) which has hosted EPC members on 5 different mission trips to the Bahamas. At 12:15 pm today, anyone who is interested in meeting the Hendrickson family and hearing more about CYN, please stop by the CLC game room.

All EPC women are invited to EPW's Prayer Brunch on Wednesday, August 21: led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, from 10 – 11:30 am, in Thompson Hall. Please RSVP via Upcoming Events. If you need childcare, please feel free to utilize the EPC Drop-In Nursery.

Faith and Family Night is August 24, at 6:05 pm: Join us at Segra Park for a Fireflies game! Bring your family and friends and join us. Tickets are \$13 and seating is in the shade.

Adult Sunday School Open House is August 25, at 10 am: If you are looking for a new Sunday School class, please join us in the Adult Reception Hall to learn more about faith formation on Sunday mornings.

Make Plans to Attend the Christian Life Center's Fitness Open House, August 25: From 5-6:30 pm, meet our personal trainers and fitness instructors of NEW classes! Choose three sample classes, try fitness equipment, and taste healthy bites. Free event, childcare included. RSVP online (Upcoming Events).

Recruiting for Bradley Lunch Buddies and Bradley Backpack Volunteers! Help a student with reading during your lunch hour, or deliver meals to Bradley on Friday mornings. A small investment of your time can have a big impact!. To learn more about Bradley service opportunities, contact Stan Holland (sholland@eastminsterpres.org).

Labor Day Weekend Fellowship and Worship on September 1: Join us for Traditional Worship at 9 am in the Sanctuary, followed by an Intergenerational Brunch at 10 am in the Christian Life Center Gym. Jubilee Worship is at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall.

Register Today for EPC's Small Group Kickoff Dinner, September 5: Join us from 5:15 to 7 pm with featured speaker, Dr. Steve Eason, author of *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*. RSVP online. Email cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to join a new Small Group.

Rev. Dr. John McCall and Taiwanese Pastors Visit on September 7-8: We'll enjoy a potluck dinner on Saturday pm. RSVP and sign up to bring a dish under Upcoming Events. Dr. McCall will preach on Sunday, followed by a congregational meal in the CLC-gym following worship.

Sundays@5 Adult Evening Class, Led by Dr. Douglass Key, Begins September 8: as part of our church-wide Fall study on Rick Lawrence's book, *Editing Jesus: Confronting the Distorted Faith of the American Church*. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). A repeat class will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in Room E-357 beginning September 10.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) Starts Sunday, September 8: (5 - 6:30 pm) for children ages K4-fifth grade. Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, musical activities and dinner. Don't forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer to help out.

WE@EPC Classes Begin September 18: Bible 101 Class for anyone who wants to learn the basics of scripture. Led by Dr. Brad Smith and Dr. Ben Sloan, it will use *The Bible from Scratch* to get an overview of the Old and New Testaments. **Practical Tools for Raising Faithful Kids** is a six-week conversation for parents, led by Dr. Douglass Key. Join us for dinner in Thompson Hall before class. We'll meet in Room 357 (Education Building).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ross Holcombe by his family. **Flowers in the narthex** are given in celebration of the baptism of William (Wills) Mark Bowman by his grandparents, Thom and Cindy Palmer.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: KAREN HUDGENS AND ADAM HEGLER
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 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

I Love to Tell the Story

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You who are weary
Sleepless
Tired
Depressed
Discouraged

Breathe in the spirit of this place and space. Do not be afraid!

All: We will not be afraid.

One: You who are fed up
Hopeless
Visionless
Fearful
Tearful

Find a sense of belonging in this space and place. Do not be afraid!

All: We will not be afraid.

**God is with us on the rolling waters of our lives,
in our joy and suffering.
Let us worship the One God
who calms the winds and waves of our lives!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*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

William Mark Bowman *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**God of love and power,
we often listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today.**

We experience the chaos of misfortune, injustice, discrimination, distress, misery, hatred, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves.

**We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives,
threatening to drown us and wonder if we are alone in the boat.**

Help us to place our trust in you, Great Still of Storms.

Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us.

For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Fear not!

God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives.

Place your trust in God always. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

Amazing Grace

E.W. "Skip" Stradtman

*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

Tiffany Beitz

*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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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Scripture Focus: Mark 4:35-41

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

"God Who Calms the Waters of Chaos"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

*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

*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:

William Mark Bowman., son of Melissa and Seth Bowman, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Will Brearley will offer the baptismal prayer.

August 25, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith