

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last “Reclaiming Revelation,” Adult Sunday School Class & Wednesday Evening Class: are this week in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 10 am and Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Christian Life Center’s Fitness Open House is Tonight (5 pm-6:30 pm): Learn about 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/>

Sundays@5 Continues on August 27 in the Adult Reception Hall: “The Theology of the Land” led by Dr. Douglass Key is for those traveling to the Holy Land, those who may be considering this pilgrimage (Oct 30-Nov 9), or those who simply want to learn about the Holy Land.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children’s Afternoon Music Program) Starts Tonight: K4-5th graders should meet in the Sanctuary (5 pm - 6:30 pm) for rehearsal followed by a meal. Register your child and sign up to volunteer by visiting: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/ecamp-kickoff-is-august-20/>

The Small Group Facilitators’ Workshop is this Wednesday, August 23: Facilitators are invited to gather from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Thompson Hall (TH) 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 September 7: All current and interested Small Group participants are invited (5:30 pm - 7:15 pm TH) for dinner and a message from special guest Lisa Allen (Proverbs 31 Ministries). RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/small-group-kickoff-dinner/>.

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

Eastminster Presbyterian Women’s (EPW) Fall Gathering is September 14: All ladies are encouraged to gather from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (TH) for fellowship, a meal, to learn about EPW’s 2023-24 calendar year, and to meet Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, Eastminster’s new pastor for Congregational Care.

Join the 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.

Don’t Miss Guest Artist Mary Burkett’s: *Beloved Children of the Holocaust Portraits* on September 19 at 10 am (TH), and it is hosted by Seniors’ Ministry. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/0d81cb7c-8587-4d87-b80a-cafd01ce53c9>

Men’s Fall Retreat is Oct 6-8 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center: Enjoy good food, fellowship, and messages of conviction. The Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod is the speaker. Only 25 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. 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 and in loving memory of Ross Holcombe by his family.

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND CHARLIE MIMS
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9 AM) RANDY LIGGITT (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 M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor	Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, 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
PRESBYTERIAN



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2023
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

Prelude and Fugue in D

G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Come unto me all you who are carrying heavy burdens," says Jesus.

People: God welcomes all who are stretched thin and stressed out.

Leader: Jesus extends grace to those deemed outsiders and outcasts.

People: The Spirit draws in those who are drained and the downcast.

All: Our Lord is gentle and humble in heart, providing rest for our souls.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #620

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*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

Charles Hampton Scott *(9 am)*
Collins Montgomery Elliott *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486 (verses 1 & 2)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Gracious God, thank you. Thank you that your ultimate purpose is not to punish but to forgive, save, and love. Thank you, Lord, that nothing can separate us from you. Thank you that you reach beyond our sin, embracing us in mercy and grace. In that comfort, help us lay our waywardness and sin at your feet, and turn to you even in this time of 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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan

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

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

Adapted from an old Gaelic rune

*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

Kevin O'Connell

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Romans 11:1-6, 29-32

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Is God's Mercy for Them As Well?"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*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

St. Anthony Chorale

Johannes Brahms

*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:

Charles Hampton Scott, son of Dustin and Sarah Scott, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning. Terry Hays will offer the baptismal prayer.

Collins Montgomery Elliott, daughter of J.D. and Mary Kate Elliott, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 11:15 am service. Paternal grandfather Scott Elliott will offer the baptismal prayer.

August 27, 2023

Rev. Bradley D. Smith

Romans 12:1-8

“How to Handle Grace”