

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Communion Sunday.

**Today is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Each fourth Sunday, members bring jars of peanut butter for local food banks to help fight hunger in The Midlands. Thank you for your donations, which may be dropped in the peanut butter bins around campus.

**Sundays@5 Continues tonight 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):** K4-5th graders should meet in the Narthex at 5 pm for rehearsal and a meal. Please pick up your singers at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Volunteers are needed; to sign up to volunteer, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/ecamp-kickoff-is-august-20/>

**Cancer Support Group Meets Tonight from 6-7:30 pm:** If you are battling cancer or have a loved one who has been diagnosed with cancer, join Dr. Ben Sloan this evening for a time of sharing and studying Scripture. We'll meet in Room 353 of the Education Building. Friends welcome.

**Intergenerational Breakfast and Blended Worship on September 3:** Gather with the Eastminster Family in Thompson Hall (TH) for breakfast at 9 am, followed by blended worship in the sanctuary at 10:15 am. Please note there will be no Sunday School or Jubilee Contemporary Worship. Eastminster will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

**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/>.

**The Small Groups Kickoff Dinner is September 7:** All current and interested Small Group participants are invited to Thompson Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm for dinner and a message from special guest, Lisa Allen with Proverbs 31 Ministries. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/small-group-kickoff-dinner/>.

**Eastminster Presbyterian Women's (EPW) Fall Gathering is September 14:** All ladies are encouraged to gather from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Thompson Hall for fellowship, a meal, and a message from Eastminster's new pastor for Congregational Care, Emily Mooneyhan, as well as to learn about the women's ministry 2023-2024 calendar year.

**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](mailto:lfoster@eastminsterpres.org).

**Don't Miss Guest Artist, Mary Burkett:** "Beloved Children of the Holocaust Portraits" is on September 19 at 10 am in Thompson Hall, and it is hosted by Seniors' Ministry. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.shelbnextchms.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/>.

**Early Bird Registration for the Advent Retreat ends Saturday, September 9:** The Advent Retreat is an intergenerational conference that will take place at Montreat Conference Center, on December 1-3. The guest pastor is Rev. Ed Black. Register by September 9 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 Lucille and Emmitt Smith by Mike McDuffie.

Unison Reading: Psalm 138:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

### SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** CHESLEY GOOD AND ANN CAMERON  
**HEAD USHERS:** BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Bill Collins, Business Manager  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyne, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian  
James Cassidy, A/V Director



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 27, 2023  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

## 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

*Voluntary in D minor*

William Boyce

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

People: **Let us worship and bow down before our God;**

All: **For he is our God, and we are the sheep, the flock under his care.**

## †\*HYMN OF PRAISE #317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MCKEE

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan (9:00 am)

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key (11:15 am)

## \*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

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear Gracious God, forgive us our sins. Forgive the sin we remember, and the sin we have forgotten. Forgive our propensity to conform with the world around us, and our reluctance to live as you would have us live. Forgive our pride in our own achievements, and our blindness to who you are and all you have done for us. Forgive the way we downplay the needs of others while tending to our own wants. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole, even as we lift our silent prayers...**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## 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.**
- 2. 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.**
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## 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

*Day of Arising*

Susan Palo Chervien

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part. Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine. Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you my rise.

Carl Schalk

## \*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Berry Mattox

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Psalm 138:1-6**

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“So that...”

\*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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## HYMN OF PREPARATION #498

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BEACH SPRING

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The Invitation to the Table of the Lord**

**The Sursum Corda**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto The Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

## CHORAL COMMUNION MEDITATION

*At the Table of the Lord*

Jay Althouse

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILLEE

## \*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

*Rejoice*

John Marsh

## \*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. Or, scan the QR code in the Friendship Pad and leave your contact information in the digital Connect Card.

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

*Contact the church office at 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.*

## Sept. 3, 2023

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan