

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Thank you for donating each fourth Sunday. Peanut Butter Sunday was started by The Frank Harden Sunday School class (1978-2016), previously known as “Inquiring Believers,” when Jim (Gena) Crosby put a collection jar at the front of the class for “the Hungry.” Eastminster’s donations have averaged as much as 2,000 pounds to Harvest Hope per year.

Be a Bradley Lunch Buddy: Meet us at Bradley Elementary School on Tuesdays (12:10-12:40 pm). You will be paired with the same student each meeting. Confirmed dates are 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1 & 11/15 with more to come in December. There are still about 30 students who need mentors. Contact Rebekah Gaston to help (rgaston@eastminsterpres.org).

Sunday Night & Wednesday Night Fellowship and Bible Study for Youth: Join us tonight in the CLC at 5 pm for food, fellowship and games. Sometimes we’ll meet offsite. On Wednesdays, we’ll meet here (CLC) for dinner followed by boys and girls break-out study sessions (7 pm - 8:30 pm). See GroupMe texts from Bethany and Pastor Nick for more details.

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

Introducing MSB’s “Bible Doers” Serving on Wednesdays Beginning September 7th: Come one and all. Meet us at the Oliver’s (3401 Heatherwood Rd.) anytime between 6 am and 8 am for walk/fellowship hour followed by Bible Doin’ hour. You can serve each Wednesday or any Wednesday that works, and coffee will always be available. We hope to grow this group so invite a friend. Contact Beth (803) 622-5384 or Hampton Oliver (803) 513-1412, to learn more or sign up.

Our Small Group Kick-off Dinner is Thursday, September 8th (5:30 pm - 7 pm): Current Small Group members and anyone interested in joining a new SG are invited to this inspirational and informative event. Join us in Thompson Hall for a delicious meal (Seafood Paella) and hear from guest speaker and child of Eastminster, Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson. Register on our website under “Upcoming Events.”

Servant Leadership Sunday is September 11th: Worship with us and stay for a congregational meal honoring first responders. Cookies for First Responders will also be delivered that afternoon. To sign up to bake or deliver cookies, contact Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org).

ECAMP (EPC Children’s Afternoon Music Program) Starts September 11th (5 pm - 6:30 pm): Visit our website’s www.eastminsterpres.org “Upcoming Events” to sign-up your child and to volunteer to help with meals.

Sundays@5 Begins September 11th: Dr. Douglass Key will lead a Bible Study in Room E-357. Register on our website’s “Upcoming Events.”

WE@EPC Dinners and Classes begin September 14 (5 pm - 7:15 pm): Register for meals under the Fellowship Menu/WE@EPC RSVP on our website. Payments (cash or check) will be collected at the door. After dinner, join Dr. Douglass Key (6 pm - 7:15 pm) in Room E-357, for a Journey Through the Bible.

Save the Date! EPW’s Fall Gathering is Sept. 20th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Thompson Hall).

Interested in Learning More about Membership at Eastminster? Take the First Step Class beginning Sept. 25th, in room 357 of the Education Building. Contact Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) for more information.

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

Unison Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: CLAIRE SMITH AND ANN CAMEREON
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX(9:00AM) 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. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth
Bill Collins, Business Manager
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications
Christy Rippey, Treasurer

Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Emmet Hough, Dir. of Christian Life Center

Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 2022

9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

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

Grand March George Frideric Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and hear what God has done; celebrate God's story.
People: **The Lord has created all that is, and sustains life day by day.**
Leader: God delivers the enslaved to freedom, and guides the lost.
People: **The Lord gives sight to the blind and hope to the hopeless.**
All: **Give us ears to hear, hearts to believe, and faith to follow You, O God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #321

The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

When we suffer and feel hopeless, God is there with us. When we are joyful and celebratory, God is there with us. Whether we feel triumphant or defeated, God is there with us, always. Even when we turn from God, in thought, word or deed, God is with us. Let us lift our confessions in silence.

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 #415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy RESTORATION
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Mark Hayes

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Berry Mattox

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 Page 201
Scripture Focus: Psalm 78:1-4 Page 508

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

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Old Testament 101—An Overview” Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*CHORAL HYMN OF PREPARATION #523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart BICENTENNIAL

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

*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

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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #518 *(refrain only)*

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

POSTLUDE

Recessional

David N. Johnson

*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.

September 4, 2022

Rev. Brian J. Marsh