

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**An Update from the Search Committee for the Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Young Adults:** Eastminster is seeking a passionate and qualified Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Young Adults. The search committee has been hard at work since May searching for the next individual who will guide our thriving youth program of over 65 active participants. The search committee is actively working with prayerful reflection to find the right leader who aligns with Eastminster's values and inspires our young people. Stay tuned for more updates!

**Join us for Promotion Sunday on August 11:** We'll return to our regular worship schedule with three services- Traditional Worship at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and Jubilee Contemporary Worship at 11:15 a.m. in Thompson Hall (TH). Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

**The Peace Service is August 11 at 4 p.m. in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH):** Every other month, our Congregational Care and Worship and Music ministries offer a Peace service for folks seeking a contemplative worship experience. Please join us. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor who may benefit.

**SWAG Elementary Pool Party is August 11 from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.:** Gather at Gregg Park pool. Look for emails from Pastor Croskeys with more details. Chaperones are always appreciated!

**"Socks in a Box" in August:** EPC and partner EMS Closet are collecting new socks for children and youth in our community. This drive benefits Richland School Districts One and Two. Find a "Socks in a Box" bin in reception areas around campus.

**Join us for Missions Night on Wednesday, August 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.:** This Summer, Eastminster served Christ around the world. We'll gather in Thompson Hall for a meal and to listen to voices young and old as they tell their "Stories from the Field."

**Be a Worship Greeter this Fall:** Meet in the Parlor on Sunday, August 18, at 10 a.m. for greeter training. If you have questions, contact Lib Foster ([lfoster@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:lfoster@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Adult VBS- "Love at the Heart of Things" is August 18-19:** Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, professor of Theology and Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC, will preach on Sunday morning and keynote dinner gatherings on Sunday and Monday evenings.

**Faith and Family Night is August 24 at 6:05 p.m.:** Join us at Segra Park for a Fireflies game! Bring your family and friends and join us. Tickets are \$13. Kids get to run the bases and seating is in the shade.

**Make Plans to Attend the Christian Life Center's (Free) Fitness Open House on August 25:** Are you ready to take charge of your health and well-being in a supportive and motivating atmosphere? Take a sample class, check out the fitness equipment, and learn all about the CLC from 5 pm-6:30 pm.

**2024 Advent Retreat in Montreat:** We are excited to be returning to the Montreat Conference Center for the Advent Retreat December 6-8. This is a retreat for all ages! Early Bird Registration ends September 3, and November 3 is the final day to register. The Advent Retreat Speaker is our own Rev. Rachel Smith Fitch.

**Register Today for EPC's Small Group Kickoff Dinner on September 5:** Join us from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. with featured speaker, Dr. Steve Eason. Author of *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*, Dr. Eason is a retired Presbyterian (USA) pastor, pastoral counselor, teacher, and consultant.

**ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) Starts Sunday, September 8:** Children ages K4-fifth grade are welcome. Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. for Bible Study, songs, and musical activities followed by dinner in the Sanctuary basement from 6:05 – 6:30pm. Sign up via Upcoming Events on our website.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given by Walt and Catherine Theus to the glory of God and in celebration for the baptism of their grandson Theodore Mac Adams.

## Unison Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** SALLIE JAMESON AND ADAM HEGLER  
HEAD USHER: SCOT SEIGLER

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## MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

### STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4, 2024

10:15 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

*O Worship the King*

Joel Raney

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Restore us again, God our Savior.

**All: Will you not reform us again so that your people may rejoice in you?**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Theodore Lawrence Mac Adams

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

**Lord, You care for us so much. We, however, are quick to believe that human sin is greater than your power. It is easy for us to believe that things will get progressively worse and that you are unable to turn this world—or even our own lives—around. Forgive us when we lose hope, trust, and even faith. We remember how you helped your people in the past, but we confess, we forget. We are too quick to believe that your hand is too short and your ear is too deaf to help us. Have mercy on us. Help our unbelief. Forgive us. We know not what we do.**

## 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 #442

*Just As I Am*

WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*Teach Me, O Lord*

Philip W. J. Stopford

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; and quicken me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Amen.

Psalms 119: 33-39a

## \*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

Andy Cameron

\*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 LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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Scripture Focus: Psalm 85:6; 19:7

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"The Need to Re-Form"

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #772

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

## \*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

*These are the Holy Ten Commandments, BWV 635*

Johann S. Bach

## \*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:

Theodore Lawrence Mac Adams, son of Spencer and Greer Mac Adams, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Kim Leighton will offer the baptismal prayer.

## August 11, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith