

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2023: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land for 10 days within the timeframe of October 31 and November 11? Those truly interested and wanting to learn more should reach out to Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org) to get on the list for more information.

The Peace Service is today at 4 pm in the Adult Reception Hall: If you are suffering a loss and need comfort and hope, join us this afternoon as we come before God in prayer, listen to scripture, and share in The Lord's Supper.

Journey Through the Bible Sunday pm Class is from 5 pm - 6 pm: Class will meet in Room 357 (Education Bldg) tonight only.

ECAMP (Eastminster's Children's Afternoon Music Program) Tonight: Children (4K - 5th graders) should be dropped off at 5 pm and picked up promptly at 6:00 pm. No meal tonight. Drop off and pick up in the Sanctuary. If you have questions, contact Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

There will be no Youth Groups Tonight: See you next week!

EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 am (Thompson Hall): Join Circles One and Three for fellowship, a devotional, and discussions about EPW's Circles Ministry in 2023.

The Joy Adult Sunday School Class (10 am) is moving: We will meet in Room 350 (Education Building) for the time being. The Hope Class is still in Room 356. Stay tuned for updates!

His Story. Our Story: Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry Commemorative Books: Books are still available for purchase (\$25). You may purchase and pick up your copy of this special book at the Medway reception area.

WE@EPC this Wednesday, February 15: WE@EPC begins with dinner in Thompson Hall at 5 pm followed by classes and programs. Please RSVP online. MENU: Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Carrots and Fried Okra

Be a "Bible Doer" on February 15 anytime between 6 am and 8 am: Meet at Beth and Hampton Oliver's home the third Wednesday of the month for coffee, fellowship, and service.

Transitions Third Thursday is February 16: Donations are due to the Church Office (Staff Kitchen) by 4 pm. Servers meet at Transitions by 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan to help out (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

Ash Wednesday is February 22: Join us for the WE@EPC meal in Thompson Hall before worship in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. You can RSVP for dinner under Upcoming Events at www.eastminsterpres.org.

Are you interested in learning more about the church?: Attend our First Step Class on Sunday mornings at 10 am (February 26 - March 26). Classes are led by our ministers and staff, where they discuss who we are and ways to get involved. Those who are interested in membership can meet with the Session and join on April 2.

The 5th Annual CORE Retreat is March 3-4 in the CLC. Join us on Friday night for dinner and Speaker Tracy Woodard with Covered in Cotton. Dr. Jeff Smith will kick off Saturday morning, followed by breakout sessions on fitness, food, and health.. Register on our website!

Middle School Parents Meeting on Summer Trips is February 26: Join us at 10:00 am to learn more about the Charleston Mission Trip (June 18-23) and the Eastminster Middle School conference (July 23-27).

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of twins Sally and Tripp Schultz by their parents, Molly and Scott Schultz.

Unison Reading: Psalm 16:5-9

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: JAY HUDSON AND STEPHEN SANSBURY
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth
Emmet Hough, Dir. of Christian Life Center

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippey, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 12, 2023
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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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.

All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional, with masks available at the Welcome Center if you'd like one.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck (9:00 am)

Ava and Barron Grier (11:15 am)

Leader: Even through the hardships, we have gathered here today.

People: We have gathered here today to spread the love God has gifted us.

Leader: God has gifted us many things, and is with us through it all.

People: Through the good and bad, ups and downs, he stays by our Side.

All: Praise be to God!

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #701

Lord Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

SANCTUARY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lane Swan (9:00 am)

Annie James (11:15 am)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

Mary Margaret Mann (9:00 am)

Amelia Owens (11:15 am)

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(11:15 am)*

Douglas Scott Schultz III and Sarah Lyndon Schultz

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

**THE 3K—5K CHILDREN MAY BE EXCUSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ella Seigler (9:00 am)

Caroline Hendrix (11:15 am)

Dear Heavenly Father, We recognize our shortcomings in this life. Specifically this day we lift before you our love of social media, popularity, money, and sports that get in the way of us loving you. We carry negativity and anger towards our neighbors, and let our pride and ego get in the way of who you want us to be. Forgive us, God. Allow us to hear your voice, and call us back in the times when we stray away from you. We thank you for the gift of your grace, and ask that you hear us now as we silently confess our shortcomings to you... Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God forgives us and loves us no matter what. 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 #702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jack Hudson (9:00 am)

Kate Wehman (11:15 am)

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.

ANTHEM

In Meeting We Are Blessed

Troy Robertson

R. Gatsahos, based on the work of poet John Donne

*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

Ben Holmes (9:00 am)

Kennedy George (11:15 am)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Cooper Horton (9:00 am); Maddyn Elliott (11:15 am)

Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11:1-3

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Emily Frick (9:00 am); Palmer Mood (11:15 am)

*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

Leader: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMONS “Maintaining Our Faith ”

Jones Searcy, Margaret Long, Jack Purdy, Charlie Purdy, Grey Abramson, Celia Deese, Lindsey Davis (9:00 am)

Ellen McCutchen, Charlie McCabe, Gracie Andrews, Michael Balthazor, Mary Elizabeth Barber, Zach Owens, Thomas Anders, Liz Twitty (11:15 am)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #705

You Are Holy

YOU ARE HOLY

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith (9:00 am)

Rev. Demuynck (11:15 am)

*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

*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 ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Douglas Scott Schultz III and Sarah Lyndon Schultz, son and daughter of Scott and Molly Schultz, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Marsha McCrory, maternal grandmother, will offer the baptismal prayer.

February 19, 2023

Rev. Dr. Douglass D Key