

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Children's ECAMP is Tonight from 5 pm - 6:30 pm: There will be a devotional, choir rehearsal, and a meal. See emails from Ms. Stefanie. Volunteers are needed each Sunday pm. Sign up here: eastminsterpres.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/a637f97e-56f8-43fe-a0e1-f53a36178654

WE@EPC Meal February 21 MENU (5:15 pm): Chicken Pot Pie, Vegetable Medley, Green Beans, and Rolls. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form.

Embracing the Biblical Practices of Lent Class begins February 21: (CLC 269) The first study, "Practicing Sabbath," will be led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Dr. Douglass Key and Dr. Ben Sloan will also lead studies in this series. To sign up and see the topics for each Wednesday visit: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/adults/#adult-classes

Men's Oyster Roast is this Thursday, February 22, at 6 pm: All EPC men are invited to a one-night Men's Retreat at the Causey home (\$20). Our devotional will be led by member Patrick DiMarco. RSVP here: eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-retreat/

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Take the First Step Class starting next Sunday, February 25, at 10 am in the Christian Education Building- Room 258. Contact Lib Foster to learn more (lfoster@eastminsterpres.org).

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday. If you would like to receive Home Communion on Sunday afternoon, please contact Kelly McGrady in the Church Office (803) 256-1654, ext. 123 or via email (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

February 25 is Peanut Butter Sunday. Drop off peanut butter in our collection bins around campus. February's collection is for Harvest Hope. Thank you for helping fight hunger in The Midlands.

EPW Lenten Bible Study, "Fruits of the Senses," begins February 27: Led by Lucie Eggleston, join us in the Parlor for three Tuesdays (02/27, 03/05 & 03/12) at 10 am. Learn how Jesus used his senses to "bear more fruit." All women are invited. Refreshments will be provided. Register: eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-3-part-bible-study-fruits-of-the-senses/

March Out Missions Day is March 2 from 9 am until Noon (CLC-Gym): Bring family, friends, and neighbors on Saturday morning to "March Out" in service helping those in our community and around the globe! Register at: eastminsterpres.org/events/march-out-missions-day/

Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging during March Out on March 2: (9 am - 12 pm GYM)- Package food for global needs. Register for this Intergenerational Service Opportunity: eastminsterpres.org/events/rise-against-hunger/

EPW Honorary Life Membership Nominations (due March 11): Forms are available in our Church Office Reception and online: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/#women-s-and-men-s-ministries

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Abb Jeffcoat III.

(W)holy Healthy Living in a Stressful World Continues tonight at 5 pm. in CLC Room 271 & 273) with Jennifer Butler LISW- *Living with & Supporting Family/Friends with Mental Health Diagnoses*. Looking ahead:

- Feb. 25- John Brunty will speak on *Addiction*

Bountiful Living Continues on Wednesday Evenings (6 pm - 7:15 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273). This week's class is with Nancy Smith (LISW) on *Living With and Walking Through Grief*. Future topics are:

- February 28- Improving Your Serve-Growth & Service Opportunities (EPC and Beyond)

Unison Reading: Ephesians 2:13-16

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: SUSAN RATTEREE AND PARKS BUNCH
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (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, 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
Bill Collins, Business Manager
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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 Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig, BWV 618

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

From selected verses

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

People: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Leader: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

People: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

All: As grateful followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, let us unite in praise and worship!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA SMD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Clifford Prescott Young *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, by your self-giving love in Jesus the Christ, you give us your peace. The peace you give is different than what the world gives. Yet, we confess, O God, that we struggle to be still and silent in your presence. Instead of cultivating connection and communion with you, O Master, we let our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds, be filled with babel. Give us a taste of the goodness of silent prayer even as we set our confessions before you in this 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 #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again. Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again. Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again. Loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

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

The Peace of God

John Rutter

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Based on Philippians 4:7 and the Book of Common Prayer (1662)

*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.

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OFFICER'S PRAYER

Susan Ratteree

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"I Will Not Leave You Orphaned"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

MCAFEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Amen

DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

Mit Fried und Freud Ich fabr dahin, BWV 616

J.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 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:

Clifford Prescott Young, son of Bradley and Hannah Young, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Martha Casto will offer the baptismal prayer.

February 25, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith