

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Smith is in Atlanta this Sunday, participating in the baptism of their grandson Theodore.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2023: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land for 10 days (October 30-November 9) Those truly interested and wanting to learn more should reach out to Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org).

Sandlapper Singers Performance Tonight (7 pm Sanctuary): Joining them are the South Carolina State Choir and orchestra. Ticket are not being sold, but a \$15 donation would be appreciated.

ECAMP (Eastminster's Children's Afternoon Music Program) Tonight: Children (4K - 5th graders) should be dropped off at 5 pm in the Sanctuary and picked up promptly at 6:30 pm in the Gym (tonight only). If you have questions, contact Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

Ash Wednesday is February 22: Join us for the WE@EPC meal in Thompson Hall before worship in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. MENU: Ham and Potato Soup, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad & Brownies. RSVP on our website.

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.

Are you interested in learning more about the church?: Attend our First Step Class on Sundays at 10 am (next Sunday - 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 (11:15 am Sanctuary). Contact Christina Siokos with questions: csiokos@eastminsterpres.org.

Middle School Parent Meeting on Summer Trips is February 26: Join us during Sunday School to learn more about the Charleston Mission Trip (June 18-23) and the Eastminster Middle School Conference (July 23-27).

Peanut Butter Sunday is February 26: Drop off donations in the Harvest Hope bins around campus. Thank you for joining the fight against hunger in the Midlands.

Family Promise Week is February 26 - March 4: We are collecting \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards and \$25 gas cards for four guest families. Please drop off gift cards to Christina Siokos in the Church Office.

Men's Retreat/Oyster Roast is March 2 at the Causey's (6 pm): The cost is \$20. You can sign up and pay under Upcoming Events on the website. Contact Berry Mattox or Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

The CORE Retreat is March 3-4 in the CLC: Opening night will feature live music, a delicious and healthy dinner, and speaker Tracy Woodard's (Covered in Cotton) inspirational story. An uplifting message by Dr. Jeff Smith, former pastor at EPC, will kick off Saturday morning, followed by breakout sessions on healthy cooking, fitness, overcoming anxiety, gut and heart health, and more. Registration is open! Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org's](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) "Upcoming Events," or contact Caroline (cbennett@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Bill Coggins in honor of his wife Susan and in memory of his mother Betty Coggins.

Unison Reading: Matthew 16:13-17

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

SERMON NOTES



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DEACONS: MARY MCCANTS AND AMY TEAS
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, Interim Parish Associate
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 19, 2023
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

From the 1953 bulletin:

Enter in silence... Wait in prayer... Worship in reverence

“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

Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*THE NICENE CREED *(unison)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

O Lord our God, you are a forgiving God, and we are a people in need of forgiveness, for we often fail to see your glory in our midst. We see the dreadful consequences of wrongdoing in this world, yet we often fail to renounce shameful things until we ourselves have done them. Yet, we would rather confess our sin than falsify your word, and since we cannot cunningly justify ourselves, we are bold to hope in your mercy, and we long to see you in your radiance.

Forgive us, O God of glory. Grant us a clean conscience, the clear vision of faith, and the great gift of freedom in your Spirit; as we continue to confess silently in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ...

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 #688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

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

Jesu, grant me this I pray

C.H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray, Ever in Thy heart to stay: Let me evermore abide Hidden in Thy wounded side. If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side. If the flesh more dangerous still, Tempt my soul to deeds of ill, Naught I fear when I abide In Thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee: Dying let me still abide In thy heart and wounded side.

Based on Gibbons’ Song 13

*OFFICER’S PRAYER

Bruce Moseley

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

“Behold, Your God”

*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 #704 (verses 1 & 2)

To My Precious Lord

TO MY PRECIOUS LORD

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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

*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

*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.

February 26, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith