

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Details on Adult Evening Classes: Through Sundays@5 and Wednesday Evenings at Eastminster (WE@EPC), there are classes to strengthen your spiritual, physical, emotional, social, relational, and financial wellness. Visit the Welcome Centers to pick up a flyer with details on current and upcoming classes as well as CLC offerings.

Souper Bowl ECAMP-SWAG Event (4K - Fifth Graders) Tonight at 5! Celebrate the NFL Playoffs and join the fight against hunger. Wear your favorite team's colors and tennis shoes. Drop off in Thompson Hall for pizza dinner (\$3 & 2 canned goods) and devotional, and pick up at 6:30 pm in the CLC (Gym), where we'll have an inflatable field goal challenge. There will be no regular ECAMP rehearsal in the Sanctuary. Parents, please contact Croskeys to volunteer at croy-all@eastminsterpres.org.

WE@EPC Meals February 7 MENU: Baked Salmon, Pasta with Lemon Cream Sauce, Asparagus, & Cheddar Biscuits. You must RSVP by Wednesdays at noon: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina's Last Session is Wednesday with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan in Room E-351. Learn spiritual practices that help keep God in focus in a world filled with distractions.

Youth Sunday and Souper Bowl of Caring are on February 11. Please join us in celebration of EPC's Youth Ministry! Our youth will lead all three worship services and our Souper Bowl of Caring Offering will be received.

The Peace Service is February 11 at 4 pm in the Adult Reception Hall: Come quietly before God in prayer. Join us for the Lord's Supper. Bring a friend who may be grieving.

EPW's Prayer Breakfast is February 13 in Thompson Hall at 8:15 am: All Eastminster Women are invited to join Pastor Emily Mooneyhan for food (\$6), fellowship, and prayer. RSVP by February 7: eastminsterpres.org/events/epw-prayer-breakfast/.

Be a Bible Doer on Wednesday, February 14: Join us on the third Wednesday of the month anytime from 6 am - 8 am at the Oliver's home to help prepare food donations for Transitions. For more information, visit eastminsterpres.org/ministries/missions/serve-christ-in-the-community/.

The Ash Wednesday Service is February 14 at 7 pm (Sanctuary): Join us in Thompson Hall for the WE@EPC meal at **5:45 pm** prior to the service.

Transitions Third Thursday is February 15: Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 4 pm or meet at Transitions to serve the meal. To help, contact Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

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

March Out Missions Day is March 2 from 9 am until Noon: Bring family, friends, and neighbors to the CLC on Saturday morning, when we will "March Out" in service to help those in our community, as well as around the globe through Rise Against Hunger. To sign up for Rise Against Hunger visit eastminsterpres.org/events/rise-against-hunger/ www.eastminsterpres.org.

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

Unison Reading: John 15:12-17

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON NOTES

(W)holy Healthy Living in a Stressful World Continues tonight at 5 pm.

This Sundays@5 Class (5 pm - 6:15 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273) will be led by Jesse Raley, MD. Take a sneak peak of some of the upcoming classes:

- Tonight - Jesse Raley, MD. *A Psychiatrist Speaks on Anxiety and Depression*
- Feb. 11- No Seminar (Super Bowl Sunday)
- Feb. 18- Jennifer Butler LISW- *Living with & Supporting Family/Friends with Mental Health Diagnoses*
- Feb. 25- Topic of the evening will be *Addiction*

To register for (W)holy Healthy Living, visit eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/.

Bountiful Living Continues on Wednesday Evenings (6 pm - 7:15 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273).

This week's class will be led by Sark Dedarian, MD.

Here is a preview of some of the upcoming classes:

- Feb. 7- Sark Derderian, MD & Will Brearley, MD, *Sleep health and Cardiac Health*
- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary
- Feb. 21- Topic of the evening will be *Improving Your Serve- Growth & Service Opportunities (Eastminster & Beyond)*

DEACONS: CAROLYN STODDARD/SIMMONS PURDY AND LISA NEWMAN
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

Toccata

Théodore Dubois

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

from John 15

Leader: Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you.

People: **Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."**

Leader: I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

All: **Let us love one another as Christ has first loved us.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte Julia Richards and
Chandler Frances Richards *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIX NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about loving others, but our prejudices and anxieties give us pause. We see your example in Jesus, but broken systems and faulty structures too often keep people from becoming who you would have them be. Forgive us, O God, our individual and corporate sin. Hear our confessions in this silence, and give us the courage to love others as you love us...

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 #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAN

Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee. I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

George Matheson (1842-1906)

*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

Jay Hudson

*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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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“What's Love Got to Do With It?”

**HYMN OF DEDICATION #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*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

Grand Choeur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

*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:

Charlotte Julia Richards and Chandler Frances Richards, daughters of Laura and Alex Richards, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. **Rob Peddrick** will offer the baptismal prayer.

February 11, 2024

Youth Sunday