

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Youth Sunday (Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday) is February 12: Our youth will lead all three worship services and a special offering will be collected to help tackle hunger in South Carolina. Don't miss it!

Prayer Cards Are Available in our Welcome Centers.

Divorce Care Meets Tonight: Meet at 5pm in Room 357 of the Education Building for a time of helpful discussion and support led by Dr. Ben Sloan, interim associate pastor for Care Ministries.

His Story. Our Story: Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry Commemorative Books: Books are still available for purchase (\$25). You may purchase or pick up your pre-ordered copies at the church during the month of February.

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 6:30 pm. Drop off and pick up in the Sanctuary. A light dinner will be served. Contact Fredna Lee to learn more- (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

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.

WE@EPC this Wednesday, February 8: WE@EPC begins with dinner in Thompson Hall at 5 pm followed by classes and programs. Please RSVP for 2023. MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, and Brussel Sprouts.

Our Next Peace Service is February 12 at 4 pm in the Adult Reception Hall: Gather quietly before God in prayer and find healing in the Lord's Supper. Bring a friend who may need comfort.

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. Join us and help make pasta salad and pound cakes for Transitions Third Thursday. Call Beth to sign up and learn more-(803)-622-5384.

Transitions Third Thursday is February 16: Donations of mandarin oranges, bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes 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, ways to get involved, and all Eastminster has to offer. At the end of the class, those who are interested can meet with the Session and join the church on April 2.

Want to strengthen mind, body and soul? The 5th Annual CORE Retreat plans are underway for 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, backyard organic gardening, overcoming anxiety, gut and heart health, and more. Registration opens soon! Contact Caroline with questions: cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of James Lawrence Ellzey by his grandparents Jane and Dan Ellzey.

Unison Reading: Matthew 6:25-27

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: PARKS BUNCH AND MIRIAM COVER
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) RANDY LIGGITT (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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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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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

Leader: Lord, you tell us not to worry about our lives, what we eat or wear.

People: **But we are bombarded with worry fueled messages day after day.**

Leader: Give us perspective, O Shepherd, on how to live differently.

People: **Give us the wisdom and insight to receive your embracing, life changing love,**

All: **Let us respond with praise and devotion, and let it begin even now!**

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #175

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

LAFFERTY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sutton Elizabeth Stoddard *(9 am)*

James Lawrence Ellzey *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you call us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness, but we confess our tendency to seek our own comfort, our own rightness. Forgive us that we seek not your will but our own, and not your way but ours. Transform our culture, O Lord, and let it begin with me, with us, even in this silent prayer...

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!**

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Eastminster Men's Chorus

Franz Schubert

*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

Susi McWilliams

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Worry or Wonder: Which Way do You Lean?”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #728

Somebody's Knocking t Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Sutton Elizabeth Stoddard, daughter of Carolyn and Thomas Stoddard, Jr., will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. Ryan Barnes will offer the baptismal prayer.

James Lawrence Ellzey, son of Daniel and Eryn Ellzey, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Buddy Cullum will offer the baptismal prayer.

February 12, 2023

Youth Sunday

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

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

Jubilee—Tilden Atkins, Gardiner Bankhead, McLaurin Bankhead, Zachary Beitz, Daniel Goodwyn, Davis Rivers, Price Wilson