

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Take the First Step Class starting today at 10 am in the Christian Education Building- Room 259. Contact Lib Foster to learn more (lfoster@eastminsterpres.org).

Class of 2027 Officer Nominations are due Tomorrow: EPC members can find nomination forms online. Hard copies will also be at the front reception desk: eastminsterpres.org/events/officer-nominations-for-class-of-2027/.

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 evening, so please sign up by visiting: eastminsterpres.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/a637f97e-56f8-43fe-a0e1-f53a36178654

WE@EPC Meal February 28 MENU (5:15 pm): Pork Carnitas, Cilantro Lime Rice, Roasted Zucchini, Onions, Corn & Tomatoes, and Chips. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form.

WE@EPC Embracing the Biblical Practices of Lent through March 20: (CLC 269) This week's study, "Practicing Hospitality," will be led by Dr. Douglass Key. To sign up and see the topics for each Wednesday, visit: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/adults/#adult-classes

EPW Lenten Bible Study, "Fruits of the Senses," begins February 27: Led by Lucie Eggleston, join us in the Parlor (02/27, 03/05, & 03/12) at 10 am. Learn how Jesus used his senses to "bear more fruit." 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/

The Third Day: Living the Resurrection begins March 10: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) for Sundays@5. We'll focus on individual life-changing witness- es to the resurrection. Register and order your book here: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/adults/#adult-classes

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

EPW's Next Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, March 12: All ladies are invited to join us in Thompson Hall for breakfast (\$6)and prayer led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Please RSVP by March 7: eastminsterpres.org/events/epw-prayer-breakfast/ .

St. Pat's Congregational Luncheon is on March 17 (CLC-Gym): Join us after worship for fellowship with your church family. Enjoy Regina's cuisine and catch up with friends. Donations of WE@EPC meal pricing are appreciated.

Save the Dates for EPC's Next Habitat Build (March 21-23 and May 2): Learn more and sign up to serve: eastminsterpres.org/events/habitat-for-humanity-build/

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by Katie Alice and Drew Walker to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of the baptisms of Andrew Walker and Alice Ruston Walker.

(W)holy Healthy Living in a Stressful World Continues tonight at 5 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273) with John Brunty- *Living with & Supporting Family/Friends in Sober Living*. John is the long-time proprietor of Crave Artisan Market on Millwood, now working as a trained recovery coach and peer support specialist. Looking ahead:

- March 3— Dr. Brad Smith— *Fostering Faith in the Age of Frenzy*

Bountiful Living Continues on Wednesday Evenings (6 pm - 7:15 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273). This week's class is *Improving Your Serve-Growth & Service Opportunities at EPC and Beyond*. Future topics are:

- March 6— *Emotional and Relational Health*

UNISON READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: KIM ANDREWS AND SUSAN RATTEREE
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (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
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
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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



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Selected passages on patience

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding steadfast love.

People: Do not be quick to anger, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools.

Leader: The patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit.

People: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful.

All: Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #412

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.

You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, and hear our confession 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 patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again. Patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

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

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

I waited for the Lord, He inclined His ear to me, and heard my lament. O blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

From Hymn of Praise

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Susan Ratteree

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

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Scripture Focus: Colossians 1:11-14

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Patience, Friends, Patience”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF 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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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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Sarah Alexander, Yasmin Bradshaw, and Hunter Poe, soloists

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Amen

DANISH 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 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.

March 3, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith