

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastminster will be Closed Tomorrow for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sundays@5 Fruits of the Spirit Class with Dr. Douglass Key: This class will meet to-night in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). There are no other regular Sunday night programs.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, January 21, in the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the 9 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the request from Rev. Nick Demuyne for dissolution of his call as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, to elect Jane Francis to serve the remainder of Barbara Boyd's term as elder (class of 2024) upon her resignation, and to elect the 2024 Officer Nominating Committee: Lucie Eggleston, Chair, Judy Holmes, Vice Chair, Adam Hegler (D), Zack Hudson (D), Mary Hanna (PW), Aaron Barthel, Martha Casto, Alison McGowan, Scott Seigler, Jane Marie Trail

WE@EPC Meals January 17 MENU: Baked Cod, Greek Potatoes, Succotash, and Naan Bread. You must RSVP by Wednesdays at noon: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form.

WE@EPC Marriage Enrichment Class for Younger Couples (E-357): This class is led by Dr. Douglass Key and is for couples married three-18 years. Using the Prepare/Enrich marriage inventory, you will focus on the strengths of the covenant of marriage. Classes are from 6 pm until 7:15 pm.

CORE: Mind, Body, Soul for the Whole Family is January 21 (4:15 pm CLC): Select from fitness offerings and several classes led by professionals. Enjoy a healthy dinner and presentation, "Whole & Healthy Living as God's People," with speaker Rev. Dr. Scott Weimer. The price is \$8/adult and free for children and youth. To register, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/core-mind-body-soul-event/.

WE@EPC's Bountiful Living begins January 24 (CLC 271 & 273): Empty nesters and beyond are invited to join Dr. Brad Smith with guest speakers- local professionals and specialists- on a variety of helpful topics. Each class will have a unique focus.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class is January 24, 31, and February 7 (E-351): Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, you will learn spiritual practices to help keep God in focus in a world filled with distractions.

Lightly Seasoned Winter Social is Thursday, January 25 (7 pm - 9 pm): Gather for an evening of fellowship and fun at Eleanor and Larry Boyd's home. To RSVP and to sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/lightly-seasoned-winter-social/.

Seniors Trip to Billy Graham Library is January 26: There are 20 tickets to a self-guided tour of the Billy Graham Library and 20 tickets to have coffee and conversation with Ruth Graham. Buses leave at 9 am and return by 5 pm. Contact Kelly McGrady to sign up (ext. 123).

Reception for Rev. Nick Demuyne is January 28 (CLC Gym): Immediately following 11:15 am worship, please stop by for fellowship, refreshments, and well wishes. Nick, Savannah and Thatcher will be moving to Wilson, NC, where Nick will be the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Rise Against Hunger is March 2 (9 am - 12 pm GYM): Help alleviate hunger! Package food for global needs. Register for this Intergenerational Service Opportunity eastminsterpres.org/events/rise-against-hunger/.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Merrill Taite Moffat and Duncan Wilbanks Moffat by their parents, Allyson and Dave Moffat.

Pledge Status Report as of Jan. 8, 2024

Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet pledged, please join us in pledging to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2024.

228 Pledges Increased

104 Pledges With No Change

28 Pledges Decreased

65 New Pledges

For a total of 425 pledges totaling \$3,772,003

58 Pledges were made for 2023, but not yet for 2024

Unison Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CHESLEY GOOD AND KAREN HUDGENS
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Bill Collins, Business Manager
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Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippey, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V Director



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 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

Glorify Thy Name

arr. Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy comes to those who hope in God.

People: For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.

Leader: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

People: The Lord will reign forever,

Leader: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

All: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*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 4K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Russell Burnett Daniel *(9 am)*

Duncan Wilbanks Moffat and Merrill Taite Moffat *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Help me deceive myself no more; open my eyes to my tendency to see the sins of others while overlooking my own. Give me humility, O Lord, so that I may open my heart afresh to the miracle of your love for all, even for me. Forgive me, O God, even in this time of silent prayer. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, so that I would joyfully follow you....(silent prayer)

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

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

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 Fruit of the Spirit

Dan Forrest

He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: Love, joy, peace, patience, tenderness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control.

John 15:5 and Galatians 5:22-23

*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

Karen Hudgens

*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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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Cultivating Joy”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**HYMN OF DEDICATION #438

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*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

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Jason W. King

*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:

Russell Burnett Daniel, son of Miles and Beattie Daniel, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Parks Bunch will offer the baptismal prayer.

Duncan Wilbanks Moffat and Merrill Taite Moffat, son and daughter of Allyson and Dave Moffatt, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Steve King, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

January 21, 2024

Rev. Dr. Scott Weimer