

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Love Offering and Send-off Reception for Rev. Nick Demuynck:** Nick, Savannah, and Thatcher will be moving to NC, where Nick will be the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wilson. To contribute to the love offering for the Demuyncks, please include the words "Love Offering" with your donation. Also, on January 28 immediately following 11:15 am worship, please stop by the CLC (Gym) for fellowship, refreshments, and well wishes.

**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 Demuynck 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

**Eastminster Welcomes Louis Shirer as Organist:** Louis' first official day on campus was January 16 and his first Sunday in traditional worship is today. We are excited to welcome Louis back to Eastminster (1993-2009) as our organist and add his masterful touch to our traditional worship services.

**Join us Today at 4:15 pm for CORE: Mind, Body, Soul for the Whole Family:** Select from fitness offerings and classes led by professionals. Enjoy a healthy dinner and presentation, "Whole & Healthy Living as God's People," with today's preacher, Rev. Dr. Scott Weimer. The price is \$8/adult and free for children/youth. To register, visit [eastminsterpres.org/events/core-mind-body-soul-event/](https://eastminsterpres.org/events/core-mind-body-soul-event/). Walk-ins welcome!

**Dr. Douglass Key's Fruit of the Spirit Class will meet Tonight at 6:25:** Please join us in the Adult Reception Hall as part of the CORE event.

**ECAMP will Meet Tonight from 5 - 6:30:** Drop off and pick up in the Sanctuary. Please see emails from Stefanie Hammond for more details.

**WE@EPC Meals January 24 MENU:** Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Mushroom & Broccoli Medley, and Corn Bread. You must RSVP by Wednesdays at noon: [eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form](https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form).

**Bountiful Living with Dr. Brad Smith begins January 24 (CLC 271 & 273):** Empty nesters and beyond are invited to join on Wednesday nights where local professionals and specialists will speak on a variety of helpful topics. January 24th will be a panel discussion of Eastminster members Liz Agee, John Arnold, Kevin O'Connell, Richard Reinhardt, and Nancy Scott addressing "Making the Transition: What I know now that I wish I knew then."

**WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan:** meets January 24, 31, and February 7 (E-351). Learn spiritual practices that 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/](https://eastminsterpres.org/events/lightly-seasoned-winter-social/).

**(W)holy Healthy Living in a Stressful World with Dr. Brad Smith begins January 28:** Classes will be led by various professionals on topics that change from week-to-week. Join on January 28 for "A Pediatrician's Perspective on: The Web & Social Media, Stress, Anxiety & Drug Use" led by Grant Willard, MD.

**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/](https://eastminsterpres.org/events/epw-prayer-breakfast/).

**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.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are dedicated to the glory of our perfect God & in loving memory of Mr. James Latimer Dendy, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Robert Propst, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Clifford Sawyer, Mr. & Mrs. John Stewart Dunbar, Third".

## SERMON NOTES



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### Pledge Status Report as of Jan. 16, 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.*

229 Pledges Increased

104 Pledges With No Change

28 Pledges Decreased

66 New Pledges

For a total of 427 pledges totaling \$3,784,603

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

**DEACONS:** PEYTON BRYANT AND SALLIE JAMESON  
**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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Bill Collins, Business Manager  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 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

*Allegro* from *Concerto II in A Minor, BWV 593*

A. Vivaldi/J.S. Bach

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3

Leader: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgives you.”

**People: Awaken us, O Lord, to the radical nature of your love.**

Leader: “Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience..”

**People: Let us bear with one another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven us, so we should forgive others**

**All: Let us worship our life-giving God!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### \*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

Sloane Mabel Whalen *(9 am)*

Annslee Katherine Murrell *(11:15 am)*

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the healing of our souls, hardened and hurting from the despair around us;**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by callousness and unkindness;**

**For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we allow to persist;**

**For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us all.**

**We pray for the courage, O Lord, to see as you see; for the humility to see how our ways are not your ways; for the strength to change our ways, and for the hope that your grace awaits us even as we confess our sin in silence.....**

*(from Hold Fast to What Is Good)*

## 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 Be Joyful*

Philip Stopford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God. It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates, His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious. His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation. 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!

From Psalm 100 and the Gloria Patri

### \*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.**

\*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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## OFFICER'S PRAYER

Peyton Bryant

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 34:17-18

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New Testament Reading: Matthew 11:28

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Scott Weimer

“Soul Care (The Healing Power of God's Kindness)”

### \*\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697

*Take My Life*

HENDON

### \*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

*Carillon*

Louis Vierne

### \*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:

Sloane Mabel Whalen, daughter of Allison and JD Whalen, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Rob Peddrick, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

Annslee Katherine Murrell daughter of Kellee and Robert Murrell, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Simmons Purdy will offer the baptismal prayer.

## January 28, 2024

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyne