

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, join us today immediately following 11:15 am worship in the CLC (Gym) for fellowship, refreshments, and well wishes.

Tonight's Sundays@5 Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit Class (ARH): Join Dr. Douglass Key from 5 pm to 6:15 pm. Study Christopher Wright's book, *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness*, on how to practice faith through the nine spirits listed by the Apostle Paul in Galatians.

ECAMP Meets Tonight from 5 - 6:30: Volunteers are needed each Sunday. Please see emails from Stefanie Hammond. Sign up to help with ECAMP: eastminsterpres.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/a637f97e-56f8-43fe-a0e1-f53a36178654.

WE@EPC Meals January 31 MENU: BBQ Boneless Pork Ribs, Dirty Rice, Collard Greens, and Corn Bread. You must RSVP by Wednesdays at noon: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan: January 31 and February 7 (E-351), you can 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.

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/.

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.

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).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Abb Jeffcoat, Jr.

UNISON READING: Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

SERMON NOTES

(W)holy Healthy Living in a Stressful World Begins Tonight at 5 pm with Dr. Grant Willard, MD: This Sundays@5 Class (5 pm - 6:15 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273) will be led by various professionals on topics that change from week-to-week; take a sneak peak of some of the upcoming classes:

Jan. 28- Grant Willard, MD. *A Pediatrician's Perspective: the Web & Social Media, Stress, Anxiety & Drug use*

Feb. 4- 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*

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

Bountiful Living Continues on Wednesday with Dr. March Seabrook, MD and Sandy Spann, Nutritionist: Empty nesters and beyond are invited to join on Wednesday Evenings (6 pm -7:15 pm in CLC Room 271 & 273) where local professionals and specialists will speak on a variety of helpful topics. Here is a preview of some of the upcoming classes:

Jan. 31- March Seabrook, MD and Sandy Spann, *Nutritionist Nutrition & Gut Health*

Feb. 7- Sark Derderian, MD & Will Brearley, MD, *Sleep health and Cardiac Health*

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary

To register for Bountiful Living, visit eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/.

DEACONS: MIRIAM COVAR AND DARREN KNIGHT
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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate

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Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate

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Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth

Katie Herndon, Day School Director

Christy Rippy, Treasurer

Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

Pledge Status Report as of Jan. 22, 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

68 New Pledges

For a total of 429 pledges totaling \$3,799,403

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

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 in G Major, BWV 592

J. Ernst/J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (9 am)

I Will Sing of the Mercies

EPC Children

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, your faithfulness is unwavering.

People: Let us respond in joy.

Leader: O Lord, Your love knows no end.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION

I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)
2. I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)
3. I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)
4. I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. We begin this healing now, as we silently confess our shortcoming to you...

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

TRENTAN

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.

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

In the Beauty of Your Holiness

Cindy Berry

Lord, you are alone are holy, in rev'ence I bow to You. Lord, You alone are worthy of praise and honor true. I glory in Your matchless name; I lift my voice in song. You are holy, most worthy God. In the beauty of Your holiness, I come to You, Your name to bless, In the beauty of Your holiness I bow to worship You. Lord, You alone are mighty, maker of sky and sea. Lord, You alone are Savior whose blood has set me free. Creator of the universe, Redeemer of my soul. You are Savior, mighty God. Someday soon I'll see You in all Your glory. Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess, "You are Lord!" Amen

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Miriam Covar

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11:29-31, 39-12:2

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

“Run the Race”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHORAL COMMUNION MEDITATION

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Howard W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in Thy name, Two are three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit our friendship up. All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*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

Presto from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592

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*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.

February 4, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith