

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastminster Facilities will be closed tomorrow in observance of the MLK Holiday: All Sunday night classes and programs for tonight are canceled and will resume next Sunday, January 22.

There is still time to register for The Vine: Join your Sisters-in-Christ for a time of relaxation and renewal. The annual women's retreat will take place February 3-5 at The Cove in Asheville, NC. Visit our website to register.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Wednesday, January 18, at 10 am: Join other members of this ministry to knit and pray for church members, who may be ill or need comfort.

WE@EPC Wednesday, January 18: WE@EPC begins with dinner in Thompson Hall at 5 pm. From Music rehearsals, to Small Groups, Journey Through the Bible, and youth activities. There is something for everyone. Please RSVP for 2023 (including "standing reservations" and volunteers) by visiting eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/#wednesday-evening-meals. MENU: *Chicken Alfredo with Fettuccini, Steamed Broccoli and Fried Squash.*

Transitions Third Thursday is January 19: Donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, and mandarin oranges are due to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 4 pm. Contact Alison McGowan to help alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

Be a "Bible Doer" in 2023: Meet at Beth and Hampton Oliver's home the third Wednesday of the month (6am-8am) for coffee, fellowship, and service. This Wednesday, make pasta salad and pound cake for Transitions. Call Beth to sign up and learn more- (803)-622-5384.

Two New Young Adult Sunday School Classes have started: For individuals between the ages of 22 and 35, Eastminster has a place for you- Young Adult Ministry. Young Adults meet on the second floor of the Christian Life Center in rooms 269 and 271 at 10 am for fellowship and study of Journey Through the Bible.

Worship Discovery for Second Graders Starts Next Sunday: Children will learn about the elements and order of worship, so they can better understand and participate in worship. Worship Discovery will meet during Sunday School (10 am) in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH): 1/22, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, and 3/26.

Communion Sunday is January 22, 2023.

The Next Lightly Seasoned Social is January 26: Join Eastminster friends for fellowship and refreshments at the Agees' house. If you are an empty nester or just wish to reconnect with Eastminster friends, plan to join us. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to RSVP and sign up to bring an appetizer.

Pastoral Care After Hours: To reach a pastor even when the church offices are closed, please call (803) 256-1654 for directions on how to reach the on-call pastor.

2023 marks the 75th Anniversary year of Eastminster: We are celebrating how God has worked in and through our church and how he has written and continues to write the story of Eastminster. We will kick off the celebratory weekend on January 28 at the 75th Anniversary Gala at Central Energy. On January 29, we will have a special celebratory worship service at 9 am and 11:15 am with guest pastors- Rev. Amos Disasa, who will be preaching, and Dr. Mark Durrett and Dr. Lynn Grandsire, who will be participating in the service. There will be a Birthday Celebration at 10 am in the Christian Life Center Gym.

Pre-Order *His Story. Our Story: Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry.* This latest volume of Eastminster's historical accounts spotlights the most recent 25 years, 1998-2023. Scheduled for a late January 2023 release, a limited supply is now available for pre-orders. Books are \$25 each. Pre-purchased books can be picked up at the 75th Anniversary Gala on January 28 or afterward at the church through the month of February. To pre-order your book, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/resources/publications/>.

Mark your calendars for The CORE Retreat, March 3-4, 2023: Join us for mind, body, and soul revitalization in the Christian Life Center. Guest speakers and teachers will be part of our curriculum again this March. If you have questions about CORE, contact Caroline Bennett (cbennett@eastminsterpres.org)

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Harrison Thomas Bowman by his grandparents, Thom and Cindy Palmer.

Unison Reading: Romans 5:18-21

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CHESLEY GOOD AND SHANNON MCCUTCHEN
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. Nicholas P. Demuynck, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate	Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate	Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
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Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations	



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 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

The Lord's My Shepherd

Memorial Handbells

arr. Linda Lamb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary,

All: They shall walk and not faint. Let us worship the Lord!

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Harrison Thomas Bowman *(9 am)*
Sutton Elizabeth Stoddard *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forty days alone, Lord Jesus, a wilderness of thoughts which must have been difficult and distracting. Yet you emerged clear in your identity, more grounded in the Father, more open to the Spirit. Forgive us, Master, for we are easily distracted on an hourly basis, easily discouraged despite enormous blessings. We listen to the voices of the world, ignoring you who alone gives life. Forgive us, even as we confess in the silence of this moment...

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!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

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.

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

Andre Thomas

Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World. Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world. “Glory to the new-born King.” Jesus the Light of the world. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world; Christ the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the light of the world.

*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

Shannon McCutchen

*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

Unison Reading: Romans 5:18-21

Scripture Focus: Matthew 4:1-17

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“So Tempted”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Lutkin/Larsen

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:

Harrison Thomas Bowman, son of Melissa and Seth Bowman, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. Boo Griffin will offer the baptismal prayer.

Sutton Elizabeth Stoddard, daughter of Carolyn and Thomas Stoddard, Jr., will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Ryan Barnes will offer the baptismal prayer.

January 22, 2023

Dr. Bradley D. Smith