

Unison Reading: Psalm 92:12-15

¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

¹⁵showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

SERMON NOTES

CRADLE ROLL BABIES AND THEIR PARENTS

Payson Charles Hardin December 27, 2023	Laurin & Andrew Dukes	John Calvin Thorne, V July 27, 2023
Sarah Ann & Jonathan Hardin	Linnwood Cecil Trail March 30, 2023	Eliza & John Thorne
Warren Lee Cope January 4, 2023	Jane Marie & Matt Trail	Margaret Richardson Seabrook August 9, 2023
Dana & Brant Cope	Charles Sullivan Lowe April 12, 2023	Ansley & Richard Seabrook
Sophia Elaine Fairey January 10, 2023	Kelly & Matt Lowe	Russell Burnett Daniel August 22, 2023
Jessica & Gaston Fairey	Lydia Hayes Mims April 21, 2023	Miles & Beattie Daniel
Elizabeth Brunson Ford January 20, 2023	Hannah & Ryan Mims	Dorothy Strom Williams August 22, 2023
Francie & Brian Ford	Anna Katherine Jameson April 24, 2023	Margaret & Matt Williams
Emily Jane Shuler January 20 2023	Elizabeth & George Jameson	Thatcher Campbell Demuyneck August 23, 2023
Gabby and Trey Shuler	Bridget Leigh Hegler May 15, 2023	Savannah & Nick Demuyneck
Henry Williams Gandy January 28, 2023	Kaleigh & Adam Hegler	Sloane Mabel Whalen August 29, 2023
Kristen & Todd Gandy	Dawson Andrew Buckner May 18, 2023	Allison & JD Whalen
James Spencer Verner McCants February 5, 2023	Hannah & Danny Buckner	Shaffer Elizabeth Grantz September 5, 2023
Spencer & Melissa McCants	Duncan Wilbanks Moffat May 22, 2023	Margaret Deans & Derrick Grantz
Charles Hampton Scott February 6, 2023	Allyson & Dave Moffatt	Holden Lewis Salter September 14, 2023
Sarah & Dustin Scott	Clifford Prescott Young May 24, 2023	Rebecca & Findlay Salter
Charles Bellinger Varn February 9, 2023	Hannah & Bradley Young	Adelaide Stewart Laffitte October 16, 2023
Meredith & Charles Varn	Adelaide Ruth Herring June 17, 2023	Jessie & Usher Laffitte
Collins Montgomery Elliott February 23, 2023	Rebecca & Nate Herring	Hudson Taylor Jones October 28, 2023
Mary Kate & JD Elliott	John Scott Kiphart June 22, 2023	Hannah & Matt Jones
Chandler Frances Richards March 22, 2023	Jean & John Kiphart	Collins Carolyn Young November 16, 2023
Laura & Alex Richards	Bennett Todd Snell July 26, 2023	Susie & Ryan Young
Mildred Louise Dukes March 29, 2023	Leslie & Parker Snell	

DEACONS: ADAM HEGLER AND MARY MCCANTS
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (11:15 AM)
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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2024 Pledging - If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please do! Your pledge represents your commitment to give for the spread of the kingdom of God through Eastminster.

Sundays@5 Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit Class Starts Tonight (ARH):

This class is led by Dr. Douglass Key from 5 pm to 6:15 pm. Study Christopher Wright's book, *Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness*, on how to practice faith through the nine spirits listed by the Apostle Paul in Galatians. To order a book, go to eastminsterpres.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/ccf3e4e4-3b85-46b1-9836-8062b0fee7a9.

WE@EPC Meals Kick off on January 10: MENU- Lamb Kabobs, Barley Pilaf with Dates and Almonds, Vegetable Medley, and Pita Bread. You must RSVP by Wednesdays at noon. Go to eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/#wednesday-evening-meals-rsvp-form

WE@EPC Marriage Enrichment Class begins on January 10 (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.

WE@EPC A Taste of the Holy Land is on January 10 & January 17 (TH): Join Dr. Brad Smith and member Sharmin Hill for a two-week look into the culture, including some mealtime staples of the Holy Land. Join for WE@EPC dinner before the sessions for meals featuring Holy Land cuisine.

Discover Eastminster Gathering is January 14 at 10 am (CLC Room 269): Those who are interested in learning more about membership at EPC are invited. Enjoy refreshments and conversations about Eastminster, and how you'll fit in. The next First Step Class begins February 25, 2024.

Worship Discovery for Second Graders Begins on January 14 (ARH): Second Graders will meet during the Sunday School hour (10 am) to learn about key elements in the Order of Worship.

CORE: Mind, Body, Soul for the Whole Family is January 21: Join us from 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm. Select from fitness offerings and several classes led by a panel of physicians. 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/.

Rise Against Hunger is January 28 (3:30 pm - 5:30 pm GYM): You can help alleviate hunger worldwide by signing up! Package bags of rice and soy that will be shipped all over the world. Register for this Intergenerational Service Opportunity eastminsterpres.org/events/rise-against-hunger/.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Pierrine Johnson by her family.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CLASS OF 2026

The Eastminster congregation elected candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Following their election these officers-elect began an 11-week training program. This training culminated in examinations by the Session who then set aside today as the Sunday for Ordination and Installation. The following officers are presented this morning to be ordained and/or installed:

ELDERS:

Sam Agee, Becky Airheart, Eleanor Boyd, Will Brownlee, Emma Bryson, Andy Cameron, John Hart, Julie Hudson, George Kennedy, George McCutchen

DEACONS:

Sallie Jameson, Darren Knight, Josh Livingston, Kathleen Muthig, Lisa Newman, Geoff Reabold, Joni Richardson, Richard Slater, Sandy Spann, Ann St. John



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2024
9:00 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.

PRELUDE

Speak, O Lord

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

People: **O LORD my God, you are very great.**

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate,

People: **to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart,**

Leader: oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

People: **O LORD, how manifold are your works!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

*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

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE CRADLE ROLL

CHILDREN'S HYMN #487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, despair to hope, death to life. We look to you to change our hearts, to take away the sin that burdens us, and to restore us to the people you would have us be. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us, as we open our hearts before you now in silent confession....

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 #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TREBTHAN

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. Emily Mooneyhan

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

Prayer for Humility

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more. Give us humble hearts to praise you and list'ning ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you. Create in us humble hearts. When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again.

*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

Bick Halligan

*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

“The Victory Garden”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION#826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

Williams/adapted by John Roberts

*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.

January 14, 2024

Dr. Bradley D. Smith