

Unison Reading: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SERMON NOTES

CRADLE ROLL BABIES AND THEIR PARENTS

Clara Louise McWilliams January 18, 2022 Mary Katherine & Robert McWilliams	Grace Ann Wolfe May 17, 2022 Bailey & William Wolfe	Elizabeth Rhae Strasburger October 11, 2022 Claire & Kyle Strasburger
Mills Grace Snell January 10, 2022 Leslie & Parker Snell	Sutton Elizabeth Stoddard May 25, 2022 Carolyn & Thomas Stoddard	Joshua Woods Livingston October 31, 2022 Rankin & Josh Livingston
Ada Frances Griffin January 30, 2022 Kari & Robert Griffin	Collier Elizabeth Gadow June 24, 2022 Amber & Ryan Gadow	Virginia McIntyre Hartner November 16, 2022 Rebecca & Oliver Hartner
James Molony Tupper February 28, 2022 Bridgett & Lee Tupper	Elizabeth McLeod John June 27, 2022 Sarah & Breeden John	Claire Margaret Cobb November 15, 2022 Lindsay & Charles Cobb
Henry Evans Townsend March 14, 2022 Anna & Evans Townsend	Collins Elizabeth Belk June 9, 2022 Anna-Grace & Jason Belk	Avery Brooke Winterhalter December 8, 2022 Kaylin Freeman & JJ Winterhalter
Adalyn Grace Bryant April 17, 2022 Lyndey & Peyton Bryant	Samuel James Black August 2, 2022 Ed & Elizabeth Black	Charlotte McLeod Coble November 30, 2022 Kristen & Daniel Coble
John Lawrence Mann April 26, 2022 Shelley & Brice Mann	Jamie Cal Sharpe March 21, 2022 Patrick & Casey Sharpe	Fitzhugh Julius Weathers November 27, 2022 Sara & Julius Weathers
Sarah Lyndon Schultz Douglas Scott Schultz May 3, 2022 Scott & Molly Schultz	Lucas Andrew Huffstetler August 8, 2022 Anna Beth & Lucas Huffstetler	Payson Charles Hardin December 27, 2022 Sarah Ann & Jonathan Hardin

DEACONS: KATHY WINTERHALTER AND AMY TEAS
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)
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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sundays@5 Journey Through The Bible Continues Tonight: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) for the continuation of the journey starting with the Book of Matthew. You will find the daily readings on the website: eastminsterpres.org/resources/journey-through-the-bible/

ECAMP (Eastminster's Children's Afternoon Music Program) resumes tonight at 5 pm Sanctuary: Children will rehearse from 5 pm-6 pm in the Sanctuary. A light dinner will be served in the basement at 6 pm. Children should be picked-up promptly at 6:30 pm. Contact Fredna Lee to learn more- (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

WE@EPC kicks off this Wednesday, January 11: 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: Pork Tenderloin w/ Mushroom Brie Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Peas, Mushrooms & Pearl Onions.

Eastminster's 75th Anniversary Celebratory Weekend is January 28-29, 2023: We will join in fellowship to celebrate 75 years of ministry on Saturday evening at the 75th Anniversary Gala followed by worship on Sunday where we'll welcome back Rev. Amos Disasa, Dr. Mark Durrett, and Dr. Lynn Grandsire, who will be assisting in worship that day. If you haven't sent in your RSVP for the Gala, **you must RSVP by January 13.** You can RSVP via the emailed invitation, the newsletter, at the Welcome Centers, or on our website.

Pre-Order His Story. Our Story: Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry. This latest volume of Eastminster's historical accounts follows other archive books (35th and 50th anniversaries) and spotlights the most recent 25 years, 1998-2023. Scheduled for a late January 2023 release, a limited supply of *His Story. Our Story: Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry* is now available for pre-orders. Books are only \$25 each. Pre-purchased books can be picked up at the 75th Anniversary Gala on January 28 or afterward at Eastminster through the month of February. To pre-order your book, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/resources/publications/>.

Take the First Step Class in February: If you are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian faith or making Eastminster your church home, join us at 10 am on February 5, 12, 19, & 26 (Room 256 Education Bldg) for a chance to meet our pastoral staff and other members of Eastminster.

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).

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by an Eastminster family.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CLASS OF 2023

The Eastminster congregation elected candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon on Sunday, July 17, 2023. Following their election, these officers-elect began an 11-week training program. This training culminated in two 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:

Tiffany Beitz, Connie Derrick, Lib Foster, Bick Halligan, Judy Holmes, Kevin O'Connell, Nancy Scott, Bob Staton, Jeff Thordahl, Paul Trippe

DEACONS:

Parks Bunch, Chesley Good, Adam Hegler, Karen Hudgens, Jay Hudson, Zack Hudson, George Hutton, Mary McCants, Simmons Purdy, Susan Ratteree

At the conclusion of the service, we invite the congregation to greet the new officers in the Parlor.



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023
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.

All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional, with masks available at the Welcome Center if you'd like one.

PRELUDE

Be Still

Dave Evans, arr. Ashley Grote

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thank you, O Lord, that you are a God of new beginnings.

People: **Thank you, O God, for the new beginning embodied in the birth and in the life of Jesus.**

Leader: Thank you, O Creator, for the fresh beginning of this new year, for the gift of new life revealed this Sabbath day, and for the joy found in serving You.

People: **Thank you, O King, that you work in ways beyond our understanding from generation to generation, even as you give us new life through the power of your Holy Spirit.**

All: **Looking back with gratitude and looking forward with hope, let us lift our voices as one in worship!**

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

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

PRESENTATION OF THE CRADLE ROLL

CHILDREN'S HYMN #409 (verses 1 and 3)

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thank you, O God, for loving us enough to invite us to open ourselves through confession. You know our destructive thoughts and words. You know our failure to build up, encourage and care. You know our instinct to focus on our own wants, while ignoring the needs of others. As we begin this new year, help us reboot and refresh, help us repent of our waywardness and return to you even now...(silent prayer).

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 #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

What Shall I Bring to the Lord?

Robert Lau

What shall I bring to the Lord when I come to worship Him? Shall I bring my best as offering to Him? What shall I bring? What shall I bring to the Lord when I come to worship Him? Will the Lord require something special of me? Oh, what shall I bring for a King? I could bring riches, power; now is the hour to lift our voices and sing. I could bring wisdom, glory, I could tell the story of Jesus, my King. But hear what the Lord says: Do justice, have mercy, and walk, humbly with your God.

Based on Micah 6:6-8

*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

Barbara Boyd

*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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Scripture Focus: Matthew 1:1-17

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Unexpected Branches in the Family Tree”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #688 (verses 1-4)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #688 (verse 5)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar and thy love the flame.

POSTLUDE

Flourish on hymn tune Crüger

David Blackwell

*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 on-going ministries.

January 15, 2023

Dr. Bradley D. Smith