

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday. Thank you to all who help in the fight against hunger each fourth Sunday. You may drop off peanut butter donations in the Harvest Hope bins around campus.

Love Offering for Dr. Lynn Grandsire's Retirement: You are invited to join in a Love Offering to thank Lynn for her faithful and diligent service to Christ in and through Eastminster these past nearly eleven years. Checks should be made out to Eastminster and communicate that it is for the "Love Offering," whether on the "For" line of the check or as a note in any electronic funds transfer. Lynn's last Sunday as a Pastor at Eastminster will be July 31, and there will be a reception immediately following the 10:30 am worship service.

Many thanks to the 2022 Officer Nominating Committee:
Anne Seabrook-Chair, Bruce Moseley-Vice-Chair, Sam Agee, Carmen Atkins, Pete Balthazor, Warren Darby, Melanie DaVega, Katie Evatt, Julie Hudson, and Kit Pound.

Pray for our Middle Schoolers Serving through July 29th: They departed yesterday and will work with mission partner, Praying Pelicans, in North Carolina on community projects this week.

Save the Dates for Adult VBS, August 14th & 15th: Rev. Dr. Stan Saunders, Professor Emeritus (New Testament) from Columbia Theological Seminary, will preach on August 14th and will lead a second session on Monday evening in the sanctuary from 5:00 until 7:00 pm.. Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) for more information.

Mark Your Calendars for Fall Kick-off Sunday, August 21st:
We'll return to three worship services: two services in the sanctuary at 9:15 am and 11:15 am, and one Jubilee contemporary worship at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall. Children's and Youth Sunday School will also resume at 10 am in break-out classrooms.

Adult Sunday School Open House is August 21st at 10 am:
Join us in Thompson Hall for an overview of current Sunday School classes to find the best fit for you. There are couples and individual classes of various ages and interests. Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Elementary Pool Party is August 21st: Join us that afternoon for fun games by the pool. Please check Children's Ministry ENews for more details and contact Croskeys at croyall@eastminsterpres.org if you can chaperone.

Middle and High School Youth Pool Parties are August 21st (5 pm - 6:30 pm):
Be on the lookout for GroupMe texts from Pastor Nick and Bethany for more details.

Intergenerational Brunch is September 4 at 10 am in the Courtyard:
Join us for a time of food and fellowship as we bid farewell to summer.

Join a Small Group (SG) this Fall! Email SG Director Caroline Bennett, cben-nett@eastminsterpres.org, who will help you get connected in a new SG in September. Mark your calendars now for the SG Kick-off Dinner on Thursday, September 8, 5:30 pm until 7 pm in Thompson Hall. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson.

“The Vine” Annual Women’s Retreat is February 3rd - 5th, 2023:
Join us at The Cove, where we'll once again welcome Rev. Angela Ford-Nelson as our guest speaker. We are actively taking registrations via www.eastminsterpres.org “Upcoming Events.” Register today! Our retreat theme is “The Grace Place.”

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Leland & LeVonne McCoy on their birthdays, and in loving memory of Tom & Heather Dobson by Cynthia & Stephen Dobson

Unison Reading: Philippians 4:8-9
⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PEYTON BRYANT AND JOHN SHUFORD
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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EASTMINSTER
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 24, 2022
10:30 A.M.

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AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY

In Christ’s name we welcome you to the Sanctuary at Eastminster. This is a place set apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.
“*God is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.*”

****All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional. This decision, made by the Session, relates to all Eastminster programs and events. In the event you would like a mask, they are available at the Welcome Center.**

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 106:1)

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;**
All: **His Steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #388 *(sing three times)*

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskseys Royall

*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

Almighty God, you have called us to serve you and you alone, yet we have not. You have called us to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we have not. Have mercy on us, O Wondrous God. Heal our sin-sick souls, as we come to you this day. For Lord, we trust that you know all things, hear all things, and see all things in this world. Even these prayers that we silently confess to you at this time...

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 #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power, send us grace.

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

A 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 re-joice. 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. Amen.

OFFICER’S PRAYER

John Shuford

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: **Philippians 4:8-9** Page 187
Scripture Focus: **Matthew 22:1-4** Page 23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Sunday Attire” Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

HYMN OF PREPARATION #314 *(verse 1)*

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

*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

COMMUNION HYMN #314 *(verses 2-5)*

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises HALLELUJAH PEOTSA RONA

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises HALLELUJAH PELOTS A RONA
Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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 on-going ministries.

July 31, 2022

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire