

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastminster's hearing loop is not working: Eastminster has a hearing loop on the floor level of the Sanctuary for hearing aid users, but it is not working at the moment. Pick-up an FM Hearing Assisted System at our Welcome Center or ask an Usher for assistance.

Welcome E2 Interns to the Pulpit this Morning (Traditional & Jubilee):

We'll hear about the Interns' experiences of serving at Eastminster and beyond this Summer. Thank you, Ivey Barber, Colson Carey, Molly Evatt, Carter Hinson, Lyndsay Moore, and Sam Seigler for your good work and enthusiasm.

Picnic and Vespers at Lake Murray Tonight: Gather from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Moore's in Chapin. Bring your picnic basket. We will enjoy fellowship and food followed by informal worship led by Dr. Ben Sloan (6:45 pm). Travel by car or boat. If you would like to ride the church bus out to the lake, the bus will leave the church's upper lot at 5:15 pm and will return to the church before dark.

Middle & High School Youth Parent Meetings, August 6 (9 am - 10 am

CLC): We'll gather on the third floor (Middle School -ACR, High School- MPR) so you can meet and hear from our youth leaders- Rev. Nick Demuyneck and Emily Higgins, put key dates on your calendars, and get the "big picture" for Middle School and High School Youth this Fall. Students are welcome to join.

Family Promise Week is August 6-12: Family Promise assists families who are experiencing homelessness. Provide a meal or Walmart gift cards by visiting: <https://eastminsterpres.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/bc3e2bd6-4737-45dc-ae47-984ea5d403e1>. Gift cards should be dropped off to Kelly McGrady at the church by August 4. If you signed up to prepare a meal, Jennifer Lott or Beth Brownlee will be in touch with you soon.

Fall Worship Resumes on Sunday, August 13: There will be three worship services, Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 9 am and 11:15 am, Jubilee Worship in Thompson Hall at 11:15 am, and the Sunday School hour at 10 am in breakout classrooms.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Pool Party on August 13 at Gregg

Park: For first through fifth graders, from 5-6:30 pm, with pizza and watermelon. Volunteers are needed. Contact Croskeys Royall (croyall@eastminsterpres.org) to help. (No activities for K4 and K5 on August 13.)

ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) Starts on August

20: for K4-Fifth graders. We'll gather at 5 pm for rehearsal (Sanctuary). We will enjoy a meal (\$3) each Sunday as well. Pick-up is at 6:30 pm (Sanctuary). Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Register your child and sign up to volunteer by visiting: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/ecamp-kickoff-is-august-20/> *

CLC Fitness Open House is August 20 (5 pm - 6:30 pm): Join us for our first

Fitness Open House! At this free event, you can learn about the variety of Fitness Classes available to our members and guests at reasonable prices. Attend and learn more about improving your mind, body, and soul at the CLC. Childcare will be available at no charge. Spread the word to your friends and register here: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/christian-life-center-open-house/>

Join our Greeter Team this Fall: Do you enjoy meeting new people? Welcome guests and members on Sunday mornings this Fall. Training is on September 17, from 10 am - 11 am, in the Parlor. Contact Lib Foster with questions and to sign up (lfoster@eastminsterpres.org).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

SERMON NOTES



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PRESBYTERIAN



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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor	Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, 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
Bill Collins, Business Manager	Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer	Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications	Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
James Cassidy, A/V Director	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023

10:30 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

Sonata

Giovani Battista Bassani

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;

All: and whose faithfulness endures to all generations!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Smith

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved you. You call us, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, selfish ambitions, and greed. God of grace, help us, as we now silently confess, to admit our sins, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may reflect, turn to you, and receive your forgiveness. *Silent Confession*

Amen.

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 #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Carol J. Byrd

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

Lord, Make Me an Instrument

Jonathan Willcocks

*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

Tiffany Beitz

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. **CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED

THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Focus: Galatians 5:22-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGES:

“Reflections on the Eastminster Experience”

Ivey Barber, Colson Carey, Molly Evatt, Carter Hinson,
Lyndsay Moore, Sam Seigler

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

*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

Verso in F Major

Domenico Zipoli

*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. Or, scan the QR code in the Friendship Pad and leave your contact information in the digital Connect Card.

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.

August 6, 2023

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall