

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

**Today's Reception Honoring Rev. Dr. Lynn Grandsire:** You are invited to join us in celebration and thanks, as we honor Lynn for her faithful and diligent service to Christ in and through Eastminster these past nearly eleven years. Please come to the gym immediately following this morning's worship service for fellowship and refreshments.

### Adult VBS is 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 pm until 7 pm. Contact Janice Blair ([jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto: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](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org)) with questions.

### SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Elementary Pool Party is August 21st:

Join us at Gregg Park's pool from 5 pm - 6:30 pm for fun games and pizza (\$3) by the pool. Please check Children's Ministry ENews for more details, and contact Croskeys if you can chaperone: [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

**Give the gift of life this summer!** Donate blood on Thursday, August 25th (1 pm - 6pm), in the Christian Life Center (Gym). Our goal is 35 donors! Visit our website, [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org), and find the blood drive link under "Upcoming Events."

**Learn How to Make Chrismons for Eastminster's Christmas Tree:** Carol Anderson will lead two workshops, October 5th and October 12th at 10 am, for anyone who is interested. Please email Carol at [cga1655@gmail.com](mailto:cga1655@gmail.com) to let her know when you will attend. Contact her soon as each workshop is limited to 15 participants.

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

**Alpha Kick-off is September 14 at 5:30 pm (Thompson Hall):** The Alpha Course is a 10-week series with a day retreat that explores the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different faith-based question and is designed to spark conversations. No question is too complicated or too simple. Alpha will be led by Pastor Brian Marsh and Laura Long. Dinner and childcare provided. This course is for seekers, new believers, and those looking for answers to many of life's questions. This course is free to all visitors to Eastminster. Member cost is \$75, which includes all meals and materials.

**Join a Small Group (SG) this Fall!** Email SG Director Caroline Bennett, [cben-nett@eastminsterpres.org](mailto: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. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given by the Stephen Minsters to honor Dr. Lynn Grandsire and to thank her for her leadership of Stephen Ministry.

### Unison Reading: Psalm 30:6-12

**6As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

**7By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

**8To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

**9"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"**

**10Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**

**11You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

**12so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

## SERMON NOTES

### DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Ryan Charles Mims, son of Hannah and Ryan Mims, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. Branford Breland will give the baptismal prayer.

**DEACONS:** BRANFORD BRELAND AND CAROLYN STODDARD  
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX

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### MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

#### STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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*return, rejoice, respond*

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022

10:30 A.M.

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go* arr. Donald Hustad

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 30:1-5

Pastor: Lord we exalt you, for you lift us up.

**People: O God, we cry to you and you heal us.**

Pastor: O Lord, you restore me to life from those who have gone down to the pit.

**People: O God your favor lasts a lifetime and joy follows sorrow.**

**All: We sing praises to you and give thanks to your holy name, for you are good to us.**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #611

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ryan Charles Mims

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

*Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

**O good and gracious God, you have given us everything that we might have life, and we often begrudge even giving a little when it seems inconvenient. We begin to follow you, but when life gets hard we wonder where you are and why we have to go through difficult things. You O Lord, are always faithful to us, even when we are unfaithful to you. In this moment of silence transform our hearts and help us to see that the cost of following you is never too much or too hard, for you are with us in all things.**

## 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.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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 MUSIC

*Reap What You Sow* Pepper Choplin

You will sow what you reap, reap what you sow. What you plant in the kingdom will surely grow. And what you grow with love will surely bloom, and fruit of the spirit will come back to you. Do not tire from doing good and never give up when your road gets rough. For one day soon a great reward you'll see from the good you've done when the harvest comes. You will reap what you sow, sow what you reap. What you plant in the kingdom will surely keep until the day you'll hear the words of the Lord: He'll say "Well done, my child, well done, my child, come taste the joy of heaven's reward."

Galatians 6:7-9

## 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

Clay Robinson

\*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

“In It for the Long Haul”

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*In Christ Alone* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. ‘Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for eve’ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**
- 3. There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand. ‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I stand.**

## \*CHARGE and \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

## POSTLUDE

*Recessional Fanfare* Camille Saint-Saens

## \*A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP

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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.*