

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

**Our Summer Worship Schedule Continues Through August 4:** Jubilee Contemporary Worship is at 10 am in Thompson Hall, and Traditional Worship is at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary.

**Our Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Class:** Led by Dr. Douglass Key, this class meets at 9 am in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH).

**Transitions Third Thursday is July 18:** Extra hands are needed especially during the Summer months when people are traveling. Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm, or meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or by 5 pm to serve the meal. To help, contact Alison McGowan ([alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com))

**Eastminster Memorial Handbells will be Hosting its Annual Handbell Retreat:** Join on Saturday, July 20th, from 9 am-1 pm. The retreat is free of charge and will cover the foundations of handbell ringing techniques and music reading, followed by lunch together. Please join us, and bring a friend! We will ring in worship on Sunday, July 21st.

**Become a Church Bus Driver:** We're looking for friendly, reliable individuals to volunteer as bus drivers! As a church bus driver, you'll play a vital role in ensuring members of our community can participate in church activities, events, and trips. If you're interested, contact Laura Long ([llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Join Eastminster's Footcare Ministry on Tuesdays (12 pm - 2 pm):** Additional volunteers are needed this Summer. Contact Lib Foster to sign-up to serve ([libfoster@aol.com](mailto:libfoster@aol.com)). This group meets at Christ Central each week at noon.

**Connect with Eastminster's Online Pictorial Directory:** The directory is password protected, and you get to choose the amount of information shared. Having issues signing in or need help updating your profile in the directory? Contact Janice Blair ([jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Socks in a Box is Returning:** During the month of August, EPC will be partnering with EMS Closet collecting new socks for children and youth in our community. Liz Twitty and Kate Liggitt are leading this drive to benefit children and youth in Richland School Districts One and Two. Find a "Socks in a Box" bin in reception areas around campus.

**Adult VBS- "Love at the Heart of Things-" is August 18-19:** Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, professor of Theology and Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC, will preach on Sunday morning and then keynote dinner gatherings on Sunday and Monday evenings.

**Make Plans to Attend the CLC's Fitness Open House on August 25:** Are you ready to take charge of your health and well-being in a supportive and motivating atmosphere? Come and learn all about the CLC from 5 pm-6:30 pm! You can sample three classes, meet the staff, learn about membership, and enjoy healthy bites. There is no cost and guests are welcome. Register by visiting our website's Upcoming Events.

**Early Bird Registration for 2024 Advent Retreat:** We are excited to be returning to the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC, for our Annual Advent Retreat this December 6-8! This is an intergenerational retreat for all ages. Affordable lodging options and costs are detailed in the registration form. Early Bird Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 3. Rates will increase after Early Bird Registration with the final registration deadline being November 3. The Advent Retreat Speaker is our own Rev. Rachel Smith Fitch. Register today via Eastminster's website- Upcoming Events.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given in honor of the church staff by an Eastminster member.

## Unison Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

## SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER  
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**DEACONS:** CAROLYN STODDARD AND WILL BREARLEY  
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG

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## MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

### STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor  
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 14, 2024

10:15 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

*Lord God, Now Unlock Your Heaven, BWV 617* Johann S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 85) Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

Leader: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak,

**People:** for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Leader: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

**People:** The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**ALL:** Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. Let us worship God!

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #645

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MITT FREUDEN ZART

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Nia Burton, E2 Intern

## \*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

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as beloved children, but we do not honor your name. You call us to paths of righteousness, but we fail to follow your way. Forgive us, God of grace. Break down the walls that divide us from you and from one another, and build us up into a holy temple, as we approach your presence in 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 #442

*Just As I Am* WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*Vision Prayer* Molly Ijames

Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine, and now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine. His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies, and spread His truth and beauty before my wond'ring eyes. Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see, the dying of my Savior has given life to me. And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour has left the dark tomb empty, and freed me from its pow'r. O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart, this brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart. And as I shine this gospel in ev'ry darkened place, O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face. Be thou my vision, O Lord o my heart.

Eileen Berry

Heidi Carey, cellist

## \*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

Carolyn Stoddard

\*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

**Unison Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6**

Scripture Focus: Amos 7:7-17

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

"Artists, Activists, and Pilgrims"

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #450

*Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

## \*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

*Toccata* John Weaver

## \*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 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.*

## July 21, 2024

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan