

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Congregational Meeting Today: The meeting will be in the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the Officer Nominating Committee report for the Class of 2025 officers; vote on the pastors' terms of call; act on the request from Rev. Dr. Lynn Grandsire for dissolution of call as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; and the election of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Congregational Care.

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.

Summer Music Camp for Rising 5K to 5th Grade Starts Tomorrow: The dates are July 18-20 from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Registration is open via our church website (www.eastminsterpres.org) under "Upcoming Events." Please send non-perishable items with your child for our Harvest Hope Food Drive.

Family Promise Camp Impact Starts Tomorrow: Camp Impact is a week-long, overnight camp for children ages 6-13 who are experiencing homelessness. Volunteers are needed to help with camp prep and activities! You must be at least 16-years-old to volunteer. Contact Christina Siokos, at csiokos@eastminsterpres.org.

Transitions Third Thursday is July 21st: Donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, and bananas are due to the church by 4 pm on Thursday. Contact Alison McGowan if you can help serve the meal.

Middle School Mission Trip to North Carolina is July 23rd-29th: Adult driver and chaperone needed for this trip! Please contact Director, Bethany Parker, if you can help out at bparker@eastminsterpres.org.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday and Peanut Butter Sunday. Drop off peanut butter donations in the Harvest Hope bins around campus.

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 August 15th. Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) for more information.

Join a Small Group (SG) this Fall! Email SG Director Caroline Bennett, cbennett@eastminsterpres.org, who will help you get connected in a new SG in September. Mark your calendars now for the 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 to the glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: TERESA SHELTON AND THOMAS RHODES

HEAD USHER: MIKE GORMAN

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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return, rejoice, respond

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 17, 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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Lynn Grandsire

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God from the ends of the earth!

People: **God who created us now says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you."**

Leader: "I have called you by name, you are mine."

People: **"For I am the Lord your God, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes."**

All: **Let us worship the Lord, our God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #625

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Kirkland Laffitte

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you. You give us amazing grace, but we are slow to share that grace with others. You love us despite our sin, but we are reluctant to love others like that. You call us to follow you, but we'd rather lead our own way. You bless us abundantly, we respond sparingly. Please hear our confessions, O Lord, forgive us and help us. (Silent prayer)

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

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

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

Justin Self

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.

**FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

SERMON

"Who Do You Follow?"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #543

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Elizabeth Kirkland Laffitte, daughter of Usher and Jessie Laffitte, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. Betty Gilbert will offer the baptismal prayer.

July 24, 2022

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck