

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting:** At the conclusion of today's worship service (Sanctuary), the Congregational Meeting will be held for the purpose of hearing from and acting on the recommendation from the Associate Pastor (Congregational Care) Nominating Committee.

**Prayer Cards are Available in our Welcome Centers:** Please pick up a prayer card so you can pray for members in your quiet time or download a prayer card from our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/care/#prayer-cards>. To add a member to the list, contact Sarah Beasley ([sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org)).

**“Reclaiming Revelation” Adult Sunday School Class Resumes July 9:** Join Dr. Ben Sloan in the Adult Reception Hall at 9 am to read and think about Revelation (childcare available). The repeat session resumes on Wednesday, July 12 (ARH, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, no childcare). To access Reclaiming Revelation resources including video recordings, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/resources/reclaiming-revelation-adult-summer-study/>

**Eastminster will be closed on Tuesday, July 4:** To reach a pastor even when the church offices are closed, call (803) 256-1654 and listen to the recording with directions on how to reach the on-call pastor.

**Register for Music Camp (July 16-20, 5:15-8 pm):** Register your child for Music Camp, where your camper will recreate a beloved children's musical in just five nights! “We Like Sheep” is a children's musical teaching the love of the Good Shepherd. From music, drama, and dinner each night, children are sure to enjoy Music Camp. To register and to sign up to volunteer, go to: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/evening-music-camp-we-like-sheep-musical/>.

**Calling all Youth with Stage Experience:** We need volunteers to help with Music Camp (July 16-20, 5:15-8 pm). Children (rising 5K thru rising 5th grade) will be learning, rehearsing and performing the musical “We Like Sheep.” Visit our website [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and scroll down to Upcoming Events to register to help.

**Seniors Ministry Covered Dish Luncheon is Sunday, July 16:** This month, the Seniors Ministry (ages 60+) will meet in the CLC (Rooms 271-273) after worship (11:30 am - 1:30 pm). Contact Peggy Batten ([peggybatten22@yahoo.com](mailto:peggybatten22@yahoo.com)) to RSVP and sign up for a side or dessert.

**Eastminster has a hearing loop on the floor level of the Sanctuary for hearing aid users:** If you do not have a hearing aid but would like an assistive listening device, pick up an FM Hearing Assisted System at our Welcome Center.

**Mark Your Calendars for July 30:** We will have both services that day, followed by an Intergenerational Brunch in the Christian Life Center Gym at 11:30 am.

**Only 3 Spots Left- Adult Fall Mission Trip:** You can head to Marsh Island, Bahamas, November 11-18, to continue rebuilding the foundations of houses affected by Hurricane Dorian in 2019. EPC high schoolers will begin the work there in July, and adults will help finish the work in November. Register here: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/mission-trip-marsh-island-bahamas/>.

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

Unison Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

<sup>4</sup>I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.” ...

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

<sup>16</sup>they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

### SERMON NOTES

#### Military Personnel

Spencer McCants, CW2, SC National Guard  
Lt. Cmdr William Brantley Harvey IV, Navy, Virginia  
Major Justin Self, SC National Guard  
Captain Franklin (Trey) Shuler III, SC National Guard  
Lt. Col. Robert Shuler, Air Force, Washington, DC  
Chaplain Virginia Emery, Army, Ft. Jackson  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Luke Donaldson, Sudan  
Captains Michael and Alexis Shaw, Air Force, S. Korea

**DEACONS:** PEYTON BRYANT, ADAM HEGLER, PARKS BUNCH

**HEAD USHER:** BILL COGGINS

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### MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

#### STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Bill Collins, Business Manager  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian  
James Cassidy, A/V Director



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2023

10:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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[www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)

## 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

*How Can I Keep from Singing* and *This Is My Song*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## INTROIT

*From All that Dwell Below the Skies* William Billings  
From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise, Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. O come, loud anthems let us sing, Loud thanks to our Almighty King, For we our voices high should raise, When our salvation's rock we praise. Into His presence let us haste, To thank Him for His favours past. Down on our knees devoutly all, before the Lord, our Maker, fall.

From the *Singing Master's Assistant (1778)*  
William Billings (1746-1800) is regarded as America's first choral composer

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

**People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

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

## †\*HYMNS OF ADORATION #331 & #337

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

1. **God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**
2. **Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

1. **My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.**
2. **My native country, the, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.**
3. **Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**
4. **Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Unison*) Colson Carey, E2 Intern  
**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** Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key  
**God our Creator, you hovered over the formless void and separated waters from waters; water is your gift to this world. Forgive us when we use it unwisely; guide us in our stewardship of rivers, lakes streams, and seas. Teach us to live in harmony with one another and with all nature, that we may be reconciled to you, and to one another, and to your whole wonder-filled creation. In Jesus name we pray, even in this silence...**

## 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!**

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*God Bless America* Irving Berlin

**God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam: God bless America, my home sweet home.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**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.**

\*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

## 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

*America* Mary McDonald

## \*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** Peyton Bryant

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18** Page 516  
Scripture Focus: Romans 6:12-23 Page 146

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

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
“The Better Freedom”

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #361** AURELIA  
*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!* J. Wayne Kerr

## \*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 9, 2023  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd