

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Communion Sunday.

Music Camp Recap: 39 singers, 20 volunteers, and 8 staff members celebrated Music Camp this past week by learning and presenting the beloved children's musical "We Like Sheep" by Kathie Hill. This morning's introit presented by several of our campers is the title song. Thank you to all who participated and led during this very special experience.

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: This month, your donations will go to North Star Center for Hope. North Star is a neighboring non-profit and small food pantry that partners with Harvest Hope to help feed the hungry in our community. Thank you for your peanut butter donations each fourth Sunday.

"Reclaiming Revelation," Adult Sunday School Class: Join Dr. Douglass Key's Sunday morning class in the ARH at 9 am as well as the in-person repeat session on Wednesday (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's Refugee Family Seeks Housing: If you know of a four-bedroom, three-bathroom rental or mobile home in the 29204 zip code, please contact Lucy Scoville at lucyscoville@att.net or (803) 295-8709.

Gather with your Church Family Next Sunday: There will be an Intergenerational Breakfast in the Christian Life Center (Gym) at 9 am.

E2 Interns Preach Next Sunday: Join for worship and to 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 on July 30: 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.

Family Promise Week is August 6-12: Family Promise assists families who are experiencing homelessness. Your help is needed to provide a meal or Walmart gift cards for these families. Sign up to provide a meal or Walmart gift card 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 plan to prepare a meal, Jennifer Lott and 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 a.m. and 11:15 am, Jubilee Worship in Thompson Hall at 11:15 am, and the Sunday School hour at 10 am in breakout classrooms.

Only 3 Spots Left- Adult Fall Mission Trip: From November 11-18, you can head to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas to continue rebuilding the foundations of houses affected by Hurricane Dorian in 2019. Register here: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/mission-trip-marsh-island-bahamas/>.

Mark Your Calendars for the Advent Retreat Dec 1-3: This December, we return to the Montreat Conference Center for this special weekend for all ages. Save the dates, and be on the lookout for the opening of registration in early fall!

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Leland and LeVonne McCoy on their birthdays and in loving memory of Tom and Heather Dobson by Cynthia and Stephen Dobson.

Unison Reading: Psalm 139:7-12

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PEYTON BRYANT AND LEIGH POUND
HEAD USHER: BILL STALLINGS
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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
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Katie Herndon, Day School Director
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Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V Director



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 23, 2023
10:30 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

“So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God’s glory.” Romans 15:7.

All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional, with masks available at the Welcome Center if you’d like one.

PRELUDE

Suo Gan, Welsh melody

arr. Edwin Childs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

INTROIT

We Like Sheep

Kathie Hill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

People: I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Let us worship our God in gladness!

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(Unison)*

Ivey Barber, 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

Loving God, while we were sinners you sent Christ to die for us that we might be justified by grace through faith and have peace with you. Yet we continue to live in sin. We know what is good and right, but we do what is hateful and evil. We live according to the flesh and resist the work of the Spirit. We fail to love our neighbors and thereby fail to fulfill your law. We do not contribute to those in need or extend hospitality to stranger. We ignore the groaning of creation and forget the hope of the Gospel. Forgive us, loving God. Pour out your Spirit into our hearts, that we may learn to live as those who are dead to sin and alive to you. Heal us now, as we silently confess our shortcomings to you...

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 #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

1. 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.

2. All the sin I have committed, tomy Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of aguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: 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.

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

The Peace of God

John Rutter

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

Based on Philippians 4: 7

*OFFICER’S PRAYER

Leigh Pound

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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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.

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COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

“True Joy”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #525

Let Us Break Bred Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto The Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

*CHARGE

*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

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, Lauda anima

Robert Hobby

*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 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 30, 2023

Eastminster Experience Interns