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.

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

EPC's 2024 E2 Interns Preach Today: We are thankful for seven young adults who have been serving in and outside of Eastminster this Summer: Grey Abramson, Zachary Beitz, Amber Burton, Nia Burton, Meredith Speedy, Luke Williams, and Javion Williams.

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Your donations each fourth Sunday help fight hunger in The Midlands. Harvest Hope bins can be found in reception areas around campus.

Eastminster Academy of the Arts: Thank you for your enthusiastic response to our survey. We are excited to dig into the results to see if there is interest in pursuing the academy. Stay tuned for more updates.

Invitation to Change (ITC) Meets Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:45 pm in the ARH: ITC is a community for family and friends of those struggling with substance use issues. Connect with a supportive community and engage with tools and techniques to use in your daily life.

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.

Join us for Missions Night on Wednesday, August 14: This summer, Eastminster served Christ around the world. Gather on August 14 for a meal and to listen to "Stories from the Field." Learn how Eastminster poured itself out for the sake of the lost, and to celebrate all the ways God moved around the World. Visit Upcoming Events to RSVP.

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 keynote dinner gatherings on Sunday and Monday evenings.

Make Plans to Attend the Christian Life Center'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 -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.

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's Upcoming Events.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by an Eastminster family.

UNISON READING: Psalm 139:1-7

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

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

SERMON NOTES



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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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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 worshiping our living God.

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

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul with Theme from Moonlight Sonata

arr. Marilyn Hamm

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song

People: His praise in the assembly of the saints.

Leader: Come let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our God our Maker

All: For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture and

the sheep under his care.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #634

To God Be the Glory

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*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 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Lord we have been quick to criticize, and slow to compliment. We have been quick to speak and slow to listen. We have been quick to divide and slow to make peace. In our world that teaches us to criticize, demand, and divide- help us Lord to turn the other cheek, and with zeal give thanks for your cleansing forgiveness.

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 #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!

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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Michael D. Costello

We walk by faith and not by sight; With gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here." We may not touch your hands and side, Nor follow where you trod; But in your promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound To call on your when you are near, And seek where you are found. That when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

Henry Alford

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

Adam Hegler

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGES:

"Reflections on the Eastminster Experience"

Nia Burton, Amber Burton, Zachary Beitz

*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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HYMN OF PREPARATION #840

When Peace like a River

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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Nothing But the Blood

Matt Redman

VILLE DU HAVRE

*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.

*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 scan the QR code or 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.

August 4, 2024

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan