

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

### Prayer Cards are available in our Welcome Centers:

Stop by to pick one up, or visit our website ([www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)) under "Ministries/Care" to download a copy. Contact Sarah Beasley ([sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org)) to add a loved one to Eastminster's prayer list.

**Please Welcome Guest Instrumentalists this Morning:** Cierra Asmond, Sarah Evanovich, Catherine Hazan, Eliza Johnson, Ryan Knott, Sarah Land, and Timothy Smith.

**All Eastminster Facilities will be Closed Tomorrow for Independence Day.**

**"Membership As Ministry" Joint Adult Sunday School Class Returns July 10th:** Dr. Douglass Key is leading adults on a membership "tune-up." Experience an in-depth consideration of the Presbyterian "Marks of Membership," what they mean, how they invite us to live, and how we can practice them in our daily discipleship (Adult Reception Hall 9 am).

### Handbell Workshop is July 16th:

Learn everything you need to know to become a "ringer." Join us from 9 am until 3 pm in the Sanctuary basement. Visit our website to register. Contact Fredna Lee with questions ([flee@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:flee@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 17:** 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.

### Summer Music Camp for Rising 5K to 5th Grade:

The dates are July 18-20 from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Registration is open via our church website ([www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)) under "Upcoming Events."

### Family Promise Week July 3rd - 9th:

This week is Family Promise Week! We will be collecting WalMart gift cards (of any value) to give to our three guest families to use for groceries and/or clothing. To sign-up to purchase a gift card, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba5a72ba1fac70-camp1>. Deliver the gift cards to Christina Siokos by July 10th.

### Family Promise Camp Impact, July 18th-22nd:

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, [csio-kos@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:csio-kos@eastminsterpres.org).

### 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. Contact Janice Blair ([jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org)) for more information.

### Join a Small Group (SG) this Fall!

Email SG Director Caroline Bennett, [cbennett@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:cbennett@eastminsterpres.org), who will help you get connected in a new SG in September. Mark your calendars now for the SG Kickoff 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. Register at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) "Upcoming Events." Our retreat theme is "The Grace Place."

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

### Unison Reading: Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

## SERMON NOTES

### Thank You, Eastminster Military Personnel for your service!

CH (COL) Joey Byrd, Army, Ft. Jackson  
SGT William McCants, Army Reserves, Clemson  
Lt. Cmdr William Brantley Harvey IV, Navy, Virginia  
Major Justin Self, National Guard, Columbia  
Major Robert Shuler, Air Force, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Chaplain Virginia Emery, Army, Ft. Jackson  
Captains Michael and Alexis Shaw, Air Force, S. Korea  
Captain Franklin (Trey) Shuler III, National Guard  
1st Lt. Luke Donaldson, Sudan

**DEACONS:** WILL BREARLEY AND ANN CAMERON  
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. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth  
Bill Collins, Business Manager  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Josh Evanovich, Organist  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian  
Emmet Hough, Dir. of Christian Life Center  
Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



*return, rejoice, respond*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3, 2022

10:30 A.M.

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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

## 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

*This Is My Father's World* arr. Joshua Evanovich

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Keep awake, for God comes to us when we least expect God.

**People: Listen to God's voice; God speaks and we hear God's teaching.**

Leader: Share God's teaching with one another; do not keep God's word a secret. Tell of God's wondrous deeds.

**People: We hope in God.**

**All: Let us worship the God of hope.**

## †\*HYMNS OF ADORATION #331 & 338

*God of the Ages* 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.**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

1. **O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**
2. **O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!**

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*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.**

## \*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Children come forward at this time*)

*Simple Gifts* Joseph Brackett

**'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a gift to come down where I ought to be, and when I find myself in the place just right, I'll be in the valley of love and delight.**

## \*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 4K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

**O God of mercy and goodness, you have asked us to serve you in sincerity and in faithfulness. We confess that we have often gone through the motions without meaning what we have said and done. You have asked us to serve you but so often we worship other gods. You are a holy God and you forgive our sins. Forgive us for neglecting you and obeying other gods. Forgive us for not being ready when you call to us. Wake us up, O God, and forgive us in your mercy.**

## 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. Lynn A. Grandsire

**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

*America* Arr. Joshua Evanovich

## OFFICER'S PRAYER

Will Brearley

\*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading:** Amos 5:18-24

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**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 25:1-13

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“Let's Make a Deal”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #749 (verses 1 and 2)

*Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

## \*CHARGE

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION (verse 3)

*Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

**Sing! Sing a new song!**

**Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign,  
and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.**

**We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

## POSTLUDE

*God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

## \*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 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.*

## July 10, 2022

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith