

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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).

“Reclaiming Revelation,” Adult Sunday School Class This Week:

Dr. Ben Sloan led the class this morning in the ARH at 9 am. He will also lead the repeat session 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/>

Last Call to Register for Music Camp (July 16-20, 5:15-8 pm): Register your child for Music Camp, where your camper (rising K5 to rising fifth grade) 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/>.

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

Transitions Third Thursday is July 20: Donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes are due to the Church Office (Staff Kitchen) by 4 pm. Servers meet at Transitions by 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan to help out: (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

Peanut Butter Sunday is July 23: 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 donations each fourth Sunday.

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/>.

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.

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

Unison Reading: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: ANN CAMERON AND KATHY WINTERHALTER
HEAD USHER: WILSON MCDONALD
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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
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center
James Cassidy, A/V Director

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



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2023

10:30 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

People: **Love and faithfulness go before you.**

Leader: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

People: **Who walk in the light of your presence.**

All: **Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)* Sam Seigler, 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Robert Barry Richardson

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of love, our love's expression, love's ccreation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Sloan

O Loving and gracious God, we have the desire to do what is good, but we cannot carry it out. We hurt others, even and especially the ones we love the most. We turn our eyes away from the poor and hungry, while hoarding more and more money and things that buy us only temporary happiness. Dear Lord, may you forgive our selfish and headstrong ways. And may your Spirit of goodness and generosity infuse our own spirits, that we may learn to give as you have given and love as you have loved. Hear now our silent prayers of 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 #485

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

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.

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 ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

*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

Susi McWilliams

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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*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

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Rest for the Soul”

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

*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.

POSTLUDE

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Robert Barry Richardson, son of Emily and Luke Richardson, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning. Dr. Barry Jenkins, retired from First Presbyterian in Florence, will assist.

July 16, 2023

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan