

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to CHAMPS Sunday: Today, we celebrate CHAMPS (Communities Helping Assisting and Motivating Promising Students) with guest preacher Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, who is the first Lassiter Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College where the CHAMPS Program originated.

Commissioning Youth Montreat Participants: Today during the Jubilee service, there will be a time of commissioning 19 students, three interns, and three adults who are headed to Montreat. We want to bless this team and affirm the use of the gifts God has given them.

Well Seasoned Seniors are meeting for lunch at Grecian Gardens(11:45am): Today is the Second Sunday luncheon. Thank you, Judy Holmes, for hosting this Well Seasoned event.

The Peace Service is today at 4 pm (ARH): Member and friend, Dr. Will Brearley, will lead the service on “Healing from a Medical Point of View.” Gather quietly before God in prayer for comfort and healing for those who have suffered a loss. This is a Communion Service on the second Sunday of every other month.

“Reclaiming Revelation,” Adult Combined Sunday School Class: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the ARH at 9 am to read and think about Revelation (childcare available). If you have a conflict, Douglass will lead a repeat session on Wednesdays (ARH, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, no childcare). For Reclaiming Revelation resources, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/resources/reclaiming-revelation-adult-summer-study/>

Be a “Bible Doer” on June 14 anytime between 6 am and 8 am: Meet at Beth and Hampton Oliver’s home for coffee, fellowship, and service. After June 14, Bible Doers will take a break for Summer. Contact Beth Oliver with questions (betholiver2@yahoo.com).

Transitions Third Thursday is June 15: 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).

2022 Annual Reports are available in our Welcome Centers: and online at <https://eastminsterpres.org/get-to-know-us/who-we-are/>.

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 5 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/>.

Holy Land Pilgrimage October 30-November 9, 2023: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land? There is still room for travelers! This trip will be led by Dr. Ben Sloan and Dr. Douglass Key. Contact Julie McDaniel (ext. 143) to learn more and sign up

Only 4 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.

SERVICE NOTES

Prayer of Confession: Joan S. Gray was the first woman ordained by Atlanta Presbytery (PCUS) in 1978. She has served as pastor of many churches in Atlanta, GA, taught at Columbia Theological Seminary, and was elected Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2006. She has published books on church leadership, including the one from which this prayer is adapted, *Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*.

Affirmation of Faith: from *What Presbyterians Believe* by Joseph M. Gettys (1907-2016): **Joseph M. Gettys** was a Presbyterian minister who served as professor of religion and academic dean at Presbyterian College from 1956-1974. He was the interim pastor of 37 churches and the founding pastor of two churches. He was the author of numerous Bible studies and books about the Presbyterian Church, including a summary of the Westminster Standards, from which this affirmation of faith is drawn. Dr. Gettys lived to be 109.

Prayer for Illumination: William Plumer Jacobs was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. He founded Thornwell Orphanage for children who lost their parents in the Civil War and then founded Presbyterian College to provide a college education for those children.



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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11, 2023

10:30 AM

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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.

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

PRELUDE

Capriccio

T. Merula

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

People: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

People: **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

All: **So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Key

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

Kennedy Williams

We believe in the sovereign God, the creator and preserver of the universe, who is revealed in scripture as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe in the covenant of grace, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. He is the mediator who is revealed in the preaching and teaching of the word, and in the faithful administration of the sacraments. To declare our faith in God is therefore to commit ourselves to discover, to do, and to keep on doing the will of God day by day. We know that all things will be done for the glory of God. In this confidence, let us find peace and rest for our souls, and let us live expectantly as we await the end of our days or the coming of our Lord. Amen.

from *What Presbyterians Believe* by Joseph M. Gettys (1907-2016)

**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

Fitzhugh Julius Weathers

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Saving God, your love is unconditional and unbreakable. We belong to you, and so we come before you in prayer, exactly as we are—our real selves—to repent of our sin. We confess our fearful lack of trust, our unwillingness to yield, and our selfish disposition. Our days are filled with idols that compete for our time and attention. We thrash around in complaint and impatience. Yet we know that nothing can change your faithfulness to us. Our sin does not erase our relationship with you. Jesus died on the cross so that sin would not have the last word between us. In your mercy, save us, redeem us, heal us, and transform us. Send your Spirit to unbind us and set us free. Amen.

Joan S. Gray, P.C. class of 1973

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

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

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.

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

Hold Out Your Light

Moses Hogan

Hold out your light you heav'n-bound soldier, Let your light shine around the world. O preacher, can't you hold out your light? O deacon, can't you hold out

*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

Carmen Atkins

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Scripture Focus: Acts 16:16-24

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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!**

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, you know the

doubts that overwhelm us and the anxieties that distress us. We long for your word to give us light. Lead our minds and hearts into a peaceful and trustful rest in your presence. As you have led us through fear and darkness, so now bring us out into the light that we may dwell with you and abide in you. Hear our prayers for our Savior's sake. Amen.

William Plumer Jacobs, 1842-1917

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon,

Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life, Presbyterian College

“Set Free to Serve”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*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

Psalm Nineteen, The Heavens Declare

B. Marcello

*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:

Fitzhugh Julius Weathers, son of Sara and Julius Weathers, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning. Elizabeth Balthazor will offer the baptismal prayer.

June 18, 2023

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyck