

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 30: The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for June 30, 2024, immediately following the 10:15 am service, to vote on Officer Nominating Committee recommendation, pastors' Terms of Call, and any other items.

Connect with Eastminster's Online Pictorial Directory: The directory is password protected, and you get to choose the amount of information shared. Having issues signing in? Stop by the booth in the parlor (June 16 and 23). You may also have your photo taken. If you have additional questions, please contact Janice Blair (jblair@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.

The Westminster Assembly Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Class: Building on *Knowing Our Faith*, the Westminster standards help us understand the particularity of Reformed/Presbyterian faith and practice. Led by Dr. Douglass Key, we'll meet at 9 am in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). There will be childcare in the Nursery and Gym area. If you can't be here on Sunday morning, the class repeats on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the ARH.

Join Invitation to Change (ITC) on 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. The ITC approach is grounded in compassion, connection, and the belief that you can do something to help. Connect with a supportive community and engage with tools and techniques to use in your daily life.

Transitions Third Thursday is June 20: Extra hands are needed especially during the Summer months. Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm, or meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or by 5 pm to serve the meal. To help, contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com)

Home Works High School (13+) and Adults Service Day is Friday, June 21: We'll be assisting a homeowner with painting, basic construction, plumbing, caulking, house cleaning, roofing, and yard work. Lunch is provided. Visit our website to register

Peanut Butter Sunday is June 23: Your peanut butter donations each fourth Sunday help fight hunger in The Midlands. EPC's Harvest Hope/North Star Center for Hope bins can be found in reception areas around campus.

Death with Dignity Burial Service is Sunday, June 23, at 2 pm: The remains of 26 unclaimed and often forgotten are buried each quarter at the Richland County a Cemetery. EPC is honored to support the Richland County Coroner's Office with a proper burial for these individuals. Dr. Brad Smith will speak briefly and members of the Chancel Choir will sing. Please join us at this service in Northeast Columbia. For details and directions, contact Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org).

VBS is June 24-27: Registration has officially closed, but you can contact Pastor Croskeys (croyall@eastminsterpres.org) to see if there have been any cancellations. For those of you who have registered to volunteer, thank you! Look for emails with details on where to meet and how you'll serve at VBS.

Independence Day Fellowship and Worship on July 7: Join us for an intergenerational breakfast at 9 am in Thompson Hall followed by blended worship at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Guest musicians, The Dick Goodwin Quintet, will join us for worship. There is only one service on July 7.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by an Eastminster family. **Flowers in the Narthex** are giving in memory of Vester Laniel Chapman, Jones Holbrook Williams III, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rogan, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hanna, Jr., grandparents of Fred Hanna, Jr. and Alex Williams Hanna.

Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JOHN SHUFORD AND ZACK HUDSON
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. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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Louis Shirer, Organist
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 16, 2024

10:15 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

In Thee Is Gladness BWV 615

Johann S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We gather on this day,

People: to praise our God, who is our strength.

Leader: We gather on this holy day,

People: to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.

Leader: We gather in this sacred space,

People: to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope. Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Meredith Speedy, E2 Intern

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Westminster Catechism Q58, Q60, and Q61

Q. 58: What is required in the Fourth Commandment?

A: The Fourth Commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 60: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Q. 61: What is forbidden in the Fourth Commandment?

A: The Fourth Commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

**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

Everett Taylor Jones

BAPTISMAL HYMN #488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, on ordinary days we crush others under the weight of our unrealistic expectations. We knock down friends and neighbors in our rush to get more for ourselves. We bully those around us with stupid words and angry gestures. We worship strange gods - plastic cards, athletes, celebrities - as we turn away from you. We forget how you have set us free, when we turn our backs on the strangers around us.

So on this holy day, Gracious God, we pray for your forgiveness. When we could promote ourselves, let us honor those who care for us in ways we do not notice. Instead of pushing people into the shadows, may we walk with them in your light. May we open our hands to serve others with the grace, hope, and peace poured into us through Jesus Christ, just as we open our penitent hearts before you in silence...

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!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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

Open Thou Mine Eyes

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see; Incline my heart and I shall desire: Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God And beside thee let there be none else, No other, naught else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, In truth of spirit, In rev'rence of body, In blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626)

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano

*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

John Shuford

*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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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

"A Sabbath State of Mind"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*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

Fugue on "Lift High the Cross"

William H. Bates

*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:

Everett Taylor Jones, son of Matt and Hannah Jones, received the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. Phyllis Staton will offer the baptismal prayer.

June 23, 2024

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan