

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Commissioning of Adult Mexico Mission Participants: Today during traditional worship, there will be a time of commissioning for two adults who are currently in Chiapas, Mexico, through June 24. We want to bless this team and affirm the use of the gifts God has given them.

Commissioning of Youth Memphis Mission Participants: Today during traditional worship, there will be a time of commissioning for 23 High School youth, three E2 interns, and four adults who will serve in Memphis, TN, beginning next Sunday, June 25, and returning on June 30. We want to bless this team and affirm the use of the gifts God has given them.

Commissioning of Youth Bahamas Mission Participants: Today during traditional worship, there will be a time of commissioning for 21 High School youth and four adults who will serve in the Bahamas July 9-15. We want to bless this team and affirm the use of the gifts God has given them.

Commissioning of Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth: Today during the Jubilee service, there will be a time for commissioning Emily Higgins who has joined EPC's staff as the Director of Middle School Youth. We want to bless Emily and affirm the use of her God-given gifts.

Migrant Ministry Father's Day Offering & Meal: Today's Special Offering benefits greater-Columbia migrant workers and their families. The annual Migrant Ministry Meal is this Tuesday, June 20. If you wish to attend the meal and ride the church van please contact Don Helms (dish54@sc.rr.com); the church van will depart EPC at 5:30 pm.

"Reclaiming Revelation," Adult Combined Sunday School Class: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall at 9 am to read and think about Revelation (childcare available). Douglass will lead a repeat session on Wednesday (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/>

Communion Sunday is June 25.

Peanut Butter Sunday is June 25. Bring a jar of peanut butter for Harvest Hope!

The Next Intergenerational Breakfast and Blended Worship Service is July 2: You're invited to Thompson Hall for breakfast (9 am) followed by a blended service with patriotic music in the Sanctuary at 10:15 am. There is neither Adult Sunday School (no Wednesday night option either) nor Jubilee Worship on July 2.

Eastminster will be Closed on July 4: To reach a pastor even when the church offices are closed, please call (803) 256-1654 for directions on how to reach the on-call pastor.

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 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/>.

Music Camp Youth Volunteers Needed: If you are a middle or high schooler with stage experience, you are needed as a Camp Counselor at Music Camp. If you can help out July 16-20 (5:15 pm-8 pm), contact Fredna Lee: <https://eastminsterpres.org/people/fredna-lee/>.

Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of the wedding of Jack Hudgens and Meryl McCants, and are given in loving memory of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marsha, Mrs. Martha Hudgens, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCants.

Unison Reading: Psalm 30:8-12

**⁸To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:**

**⁹What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?**

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth

and clothed me with joy,

¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SERMON NOTES

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:

Augustus Wynn Hartley, son of Elizabeth and Robert Hartley, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning. Jennings Rice Livingston, son of Margaret Goodall and Alden Livingston, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning. Chris Goodall, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

DEACONS: SHANNON MCCUTCHEN AND AMY TEAS

HEAD USHER: MIKE GORMAN

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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



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 2023

10:30 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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www.eastminsterpres.org

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.

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

PRELUDE

Meditation

J. Massenet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: The Lord will reign for ever,

All: Praise the Lord!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #370

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

****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

Augustus Wynn Hartley

Jennings Rice Livingston

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KNGDOM

Child of blessing child of promise, baptized with the spirit’s sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, who opens blind eyes and sets the captive free, we confess that in our failure to see your way we have often misdirected our zeal, and under the power of sin, we have often misplaced our trust. Forgive us, O God, and raise us from death, darkness, and despair, that we may glorify you for the great favor you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Unburden our hearts from the weight of our guilt and sin as we open them before you now 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 #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

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

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o’er you in song. And he will joy over you in song! My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on a garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

Adapted from Zephaniah 3: 14 & 17; Psalm 43:2 & 4

*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

Robin Gorman

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Luke 7:11-17

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Healing Like Jesus”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAMS

Questions to the Mission teams:

1. Do you believe yourself called by Jesus Christ to this special mission of serving, helping others, and sharing Christian fellowship across cultural and national boundaries?
2. Do you cheerfully welcome this opportunity as an expression of your Christian discipleship in the world?

*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

3. Will you serve the Lord Jesus Christ as you work among the people of Memphis and the Bahamas with energy and dedication, patience and love, using all of the talents and gifts God has given you?

Question to the Congregation:

Do we, the people of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, promise to support these disciples in their missionary journey; to pray with and for them; and to welcome them home when their journey is complete?

We do!

*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith Chapter 8

God sent his Son

to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.

The Lord is moving toward the time

when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation.

We testify God is at work here and now

when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

We believe that God sends us

to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

We are to offer them in Christ's name

fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel

by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.

We must not restrict our proclamation

to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere

to believe in Christ and become his followers.

We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

Commissioning Prayer

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #372

O For A World

AZMON

*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

Allegretto

G.F. Handel

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.