

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Session has called a congregational meeting to take place at the conclusion of the 10:15 am worship service on Sunday, July 2, for the purpose of hearing from and acting on the recommendation from the Associate Pastor (Congregational Care) Nominating Committee.

Commissioning for VBS Children, Interns, and Volunteers: Today during the Traditional service, there will be a time of commissioning for over 250 students, 6 interns, and 70 Volunteers who will be on campus beginning tomorrow morning for VBS. We want to bless these children, interns, and volunteers, and affirm the use of the gifts God has given them.

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Each fourth Sunday, members bring jars of peanut butter for local food banks to help fight hunger in The Midlands. Thank you for your donations, which may be dropped in the peanut butter bins around campus.

Today is Communion Sunday.

“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). 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/>

Intergenerational Breakfast and Blended Worship with Patriotic Music 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. Adult Sunday School (with Wednesday night option) and Jubilee worship will resume on July 9.

Eastminster will be closed on July 4: To reach a pastor even when the church offices are closed, call (803) 256-1654 and listen to the recording with 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 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/>.

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 (5:15pm-8pm), contact Fredna Lee: <https://eastminsterpres.org/people/fredna-lee/>.

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/>.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Elizabeth Long and Jack Stoughton.

Unison Reading: Romans 6:1-4

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: WILL BREARLEY AND KAREN HUDGENS
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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Christy Rippy, Treasurer
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 25, 2023
10:30 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

“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

O God Beyond All Praising

G. Holst, arr. Paul Tate

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

All: Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(Unison)*

Lyndsay Moore, 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Good Shepherd, gathered in your holy presence, help us examine ourselves with humility. When we do that which is displeasing in your sight, O Lord, extend your love to correct us. When we pretend that all is well with the world while ignoring those in need, disturb our souls. Give us eyes to see the injustices, moral decay and self-centeredness that grieve you, and awaken us so that we turn from the path of comfort and convenience to the path of Jesus the Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession....

SILENT 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

O Worship the King

Haydn/arr. Joel Raney

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

From the Apple in the Garden

Roy Hopp

From the apple in the garden to the manger and the star, from the rainbow and the promise to the moment where we are, you are our hope, loving God. From the manna in the desert to the breaking of the bread, from the hunger of the ages to our hunger to be fed, you are our hope, loving God. From the prisons of the prophets to the growing light of day, from the death within the darkness to the stone that rolls away, you are our hope, loving God. From the curse of Eve and Adam to the blessing of the Christ, from the spirits of division to you Spirit in our midst, still be our hope, loving God.

Shirley E. Murray, 1992

*OFFICER’S PRAYER

Randy Cottrell

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Are You Listening?”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

HYMN OF PREPARATION #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

*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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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto The Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

MUSICAL COMMUNION MEDITATION #506

Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!

COPELAND

COMMISSIONING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE

*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

Postludium

Flor Peeters

*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 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.

July 2, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith