

Join Us This Spring!



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN

MISSIONS, SERVICE & BENEVOLENCE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

EPC's Next Habitat Build Dates:

April 11 & May 2, 2024

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE
EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
Sisters in Christ Dinner
WITH MISSIONARY, NATALIE HALL

April 30

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM THOMPSON HALL (\$8)
WWW.EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG

PIG & PROBATE
BBQ DINNER (5:15) & PROGRAM (6:15-8PM)
WEDNESDAY MAY 1
THOMPSON HALL
PIG: PREPARE, INVEST, GIVE

ESTATE PLANNING,
PROBATE ADMINISTRATION
AND TIME FOR Q&A

WITH GUEST SPEAKER &
PANEL OF EXPERTS

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER (\$6)
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Volunteer Appreciation Sunday is May 5
JOIN US IN THE COURTYARD AT 10 AM FOR COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

ECAMP
May 5
5:30 PM SANCTUARY
END OF YEAR PROGRAM
ALL ARE WELCOME

CHILDREN

Baccalaureate
Sunday

MAY 12

intergenerational
breakfast:
may 26...9 am
Thompson Hall

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JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR EASTMINSTER'S
Reformation Expedition July 8-20, 2024

Register by May 8 via Upcoming Events
www.eastminsterpres.org

TRAVEL TO BERLIN, CRUISE ALONG THE RHINE TO STRASBURG,
THE ALPS, ZURICH & GENEVA...VISIT ICONIC SITES THAT SHAPED US



EASTER DAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Columbia, South Carolina

EASTER
March 31, 2024

God Calls Us to Gather and Worship

AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY

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

Allegro from Concerto in F Major, Opus 4, No. 4

George Frideric Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

INTROIT

Since By Man Came Death

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

G. F. Handel

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

CALL TO WORSHIP

From 8th century hymn by St. John of Damascus

Leader: The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad;

People: The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

Leader: From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

People: Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

All: Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

*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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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

We welcome the following musicians to worship this morning: Mia Bailey, Heidi Carey, Kate Eaton, Sydney Fulcher, Derek George, Kenneth Green, Bri Harris, Julia Jacobsen, Eunice Koh, Korcan Köstük, Margie Moore, and Benjamin Pouncey.

Thank you for your Easter Lily Dedications. You may pick up a lily to take home after this morning's 10:30 am worship services.

There are No Sunday Evening Classes or Programs Tonight. Eastminster's facilities are closed tomorrow, April 1.

Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, April 3, MENU (5:15 pm): Ham and Cheese Quiche, Mushrooms with Orzo, Roasted Asparagus, & Rolls. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class in April (4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24): Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan- Learn how to meditate, detach, reflect, and refocus on God and his plan for your life. Meet in the CLC (Room 265) from 6:15 pm - 7 pm.

GriefShare Begins on April 3, from 6:15-7:30 pm (Room 351- Ed Bldg.): For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, these pastor-led discussions offer hope, help, and healing. We will meet on the following dates: April 3, April 17, May 8 & May 22, 2024.

Confirmation Sunday is Next Sunday, April 7: Confirmands and their families are invited to breakfast in the gym, at 10 am. Please RSVP to Janice Blair at jblair@eastminsterpres.org. Confirmands will be recognized during 11:15 am worship in the Sanctuary.

ECAMP and SWAG Joint Event on April 7 (5 pm - 6:30 pm): Children ages K4 through fifth grade are invited to a combined event. More details will be emailed soon.

EPW's Prayer Breakfast is April 9 at 8:15 am in Thompson Hall (\$6): Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer. All EPC women are invited.

DivorceCare Begins on April 10 from 6:15-7:30 pm (Room 351-Ed Bldg): These are pastor-led discussions to guide and comfort those who are facing challenges of a broken relationship. We will meet on the following dates: April 10, April 24, May 15 & May 29, 2024.

Senior Adult Luncheon is Sunday, April 14, after 11:15 am Worship: This will be an offsite meal. More information will be available soon. Contact Laura Long with questions (llong@eastminsterpres.org).

April is Family Promise Month: Volunteers are needed at 4 pm on April 28 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church to attend and meet families at the Palmetto Chamber Orchestra. For more details or to sign up, call Laura Long at 803.530.6731, or email her at llong@eastminsterpres.org.

Join us for the Fireflies Baseball Game, Faith and Family Night, on April 28: Game begins at 5:05 pm and seats are in the shade behind home plate! Kids will get to run the bases after the game. Tickets are \$13, and you can sign up now.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 24-27, 2024 (9 am - 12 pm): Rising 4K through rising 4th graders (\$20) and rising 5th and 6th graders (\$30) will enjoy crafts, games, music, and lessons focused on this year's Bible theme. You can register online. Volunteers are needed!

DEACONS: MIRIAM COVAR (8:45 AM), KIM ANDREWS (10:30 AM), KAREN HUDGENS
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY (8:45 AM) BILL STALLINGS (10:30 AM)

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Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor

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Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry

Louis Shirer, Organist

Christy Rippey, Treasurer

James Cassidy, A/V Director

Dedicated to the memory of Ross Holcombe by his family
 In memory of Martha Hudgens and Paul and Lois Marshá, with love and thanksgiving for our wonderful parents. We miss you every day - Johnny & Karen Hudgens
 In honor of my Easter blessings, Randy, Kent and Kate Liggitt, love Mom
 Given by Vivian Lovingood and Belinda Lennon in memory of our grandparents, Roy & Vivian Davis, and Paul & Anne Lovingood, and our father Paul Lovingood.
 In loving memory of Judy Love by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle
 In loving memory of Betsy Sommerkamp by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle
 In honor of Kenny Sommerkamp by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle
 In memory of Sue McCutcheon
 In honor of Carlos and Kathy Moca
 In memory of Marshall Kibler and in honor of Anna Belle Kibler
 In memory of our grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Teddy M. King and Mr. William L. Glasgow
 In honor of Kay Lydon and in memory of Tom Lydon and Wilson Moore given by Katherine Moore
 In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Atwater Morrow
 In loving memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell Hall, Jr. and Major and Mrs. Mark L. Moseley by Bruce and Marsha Moseley.
 To the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Donald and Mrs. Connie Gray for their years of service to Eastminster - EPC Music Ministries
 In loving memory of our grandson Beau Snell, love Deane (Ddawg), & Susan (SuSu) Pennington
 In memory of Ginger Foster
 In honor of Mitzie Trotter
 In memory of Bobby Fuller
 In loving memory of Juda Reinhardt, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, by her family.
 In memory of Clinky and Cordes Seabrook from Anne and March Seabrook and family
 In memory of Don Richardson III from Anne and March Seabrook and family
 Given by Carol Sharpe in honor of my precious grandchildren, Campbell, Charlie, Sazy, and Cal Sharpe
 In loving memory of my mother, Rankin S. Craig - Polly Morrison Sim
 In loving memory of my husband, John A. Sim - Polly Morrison Sim
 In loving memory of Margaret Huffman and George Alexander Jenkins
 In honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our parents
 Given with love to Liz and Frank Riley from the Strasburger family
 In loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. E.B. Studstill and Mr. & Mrs. Jake Strait, by Harvey and Martha Studstill
 In loving memory of Edwina Carns.
 In loving memory of Linda Swan
 In Honor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church
 In memory of Ann Barnett Morris
 In memory of Edgar L Morris
 In memory of Edgar L Morris, Jr
 In memory of Diana Morris Boulware

NOTES ON MESSIAH

All special music in today’s service was composed by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). All choral selections are from his famous oratorio *Messiah*. Composed in the summer of 1741, *Messiah* premiered in Dublin in April of 1742 to great acclaim. Later it was one of the first large-scale works performed in the United States. In 1770 the work was premiered in New York City and then followed by the first complete performance in Boston in 1818.

The text was selected and organized by Charles Jennens, an English patron of the arts and close friend of Handel, from the *King James Bible* and the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Messiah is divided into three distinctive sections. Part I deals with the prophecy and birth of the Christ through Old Testament verses; Part II reflects on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ while Part III anticipates the redemption of the world through faith.

Handel is considered the “Father of the English Concerto” and wrote a number of organ concertos to be played between the vocal sections of *Messiah*. Today two movements from one of his many concertos are used as the Prelude and the Postlude.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

*EASTER AFFIRMATION

Leader: In Jesus, who is the Christ,
People: God has become flesh and dwelt among us.
 Leader: Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches,
People: those who abide in him bear much fruit.
 Leader: He is the good Shepherd,
People: who lays down his life for his sheep.
 Leader: Jesus is the bread of life,
People: whoever comes to him will never be hungry.
 Leader: He is the light of the world,
People: whoever walks in him will have the light of life.
 Leader: Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
People: Those who believe in him, even though they die, will live.

CHORAL RESPONSE TO AFFIRMATION

O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?/ But Thanks Be to God G. F. Handel
 O death, where, where is thy sting? O grave, where, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law, But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 from 1 Corinthians 15: 57

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K — 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

*HYMN OF JOY

Low In the Grave He Lay LOWRY
Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose: with a mighty triumph o’er his foes:
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

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

Lift Up Your Heads G.F. Handel
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
 and the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty in battle.
 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts.
 Psalm 24: 7-10

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Sam Agee

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: John 20:1-5

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Scripture Focus: John 20:6-16

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"Not an Idle Tale, but The Idol to Tail"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #238

Thine is the Glory!

MACCABEUS

1. **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
2. **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

**Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!**

**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!**

**The kingdom of this world is become The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!
And he shall reign for ever and ever!**

**King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever! Forever and ever!**

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Concerto in F Major, Opus 4, No. 4

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 scan the QR code or 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.

April 7, 2024

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Confirmation Sunday

Memorials and Honoraria



- In honor of Liz Agee - the best
- In loving memory of Joe and Clarissa Anderson - Joe and Carol Anderson
- In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Foster, Clarke, Evelyn, Ivy, Yates, and Wren Anderson - Joe and Carol Anderson
- In loving memory of Furman and Evelyn Gerrard - Joe and Carol Anderson
- In honor and love of our twin sons, Foster & Clarke Anderson - Joe and Jane Anderson
- To the glory of God and in honor of all Eastminster musicians for their faithfulness, dedication, leadership, service, and love for Jesus
- In honor of the Weekly Weeders
- In honor of our daughters and partners: Grace & Jordan Epler, Katharine & Thomas Hartman, Mary Martha & Ziggy Beard - Neal and Lynn Beard
- In honor of Neal's parents Jim and Eleanor Beard - Neal and Lynn Beard
- In loving memory of Lynn's parents Buddy and Mary Padgett - Neal and Lynn Beard
- In memory of Larry's parents, Elizabeth and James Boyd - Eleanor and Larry Boyd
- In memory of Scott Dew - Carolyn, Charlie, and Peter Brown
- In appreciation of the dedicated work of the Weekly Weeders and their leader, Sharon Derham, in beautifying the EPC landscape
- In loving memory of Oliver Counts by Mary, and their children Warren, Cary, and Robin
- In honor of my wife Sherry - Don
- In memory of Fred Walters. Love, Stephen, Townes, Landon, and Reid Denmark
- In memory of my wife, Dale Earhardt - Wayne
- In honor of Trent, Darcy Graham, McLain, Banks, Elise, Ainsely, and Hayden (The Earhardts)
- In loving memory of Woody Sanford (Pop) by his family. Kiki Sanford (Gigi), Bruce, Julie, Alex and William Fewell, George Sanford.
- In loving memory of Jane's parents, Frank & Dorothy McFaddin, given by Bill and Jane Francis
- In loving memory of Bill's parents, Marion & Jane Francis, given by Bill and Jane Francis
- In loving memory of Jane's siblings, Frank McFaddin, Jr., Jack McFaddin, Lorraine M. Walker, & Henry McFaddin, given by Bill and Jane Francis
- To the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis and Joe Williams by their family
- To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and Bill Halligan by their family
- In thanksgiving for our three precious grandsons Daniel, Beau, and Charlie