

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A Congregational Meeting is called for today, immediately following the 9 am worship service. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing the following members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults: Ann Cameron (Chair), Elizabeth Barber, Alec Chaplin, Jr., J.D. Elliott, George Hutton, Annie James (youth), Drew Richardson, Bill Stallings, and Marcy Swan.

Thank you to those who participated in the Bountiful Living and (W)Holy Healthy Living Classes. These classes have finished for the semester.

Children’s ECAMP is tonight from 5 - 6:30: See emails from Ms. Stefanie. Volunteers are needed. Scan the QR code on the flatscreen graphic to sign up.

“The Third Day: Embracing the Resurrection” begins Tonight at 5: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). We’ll focus on individual life-changing witnesses to the resurrection. Register and order your book online.

EPW Honorary Life Membership Nominations due tomorrow: Forms are available in our Church Office Reception and online.

EPW’s Prayer Breakfast is this Tuesday, March 12: Join us in Thompson Hall (TH) for breakfast (\$6) and prayer led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Doors open at 8 am for coffee and fellowship; breakfast and program is from 8:15 am - 9 am.

Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, March 13, MENU (5:15 pm): Chicken Stir-fry with Rice, Garlic Green Beans, Spring Rolls, and Rolls. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

WE@EPC “Embracing the Biblical Practices of Lent” through March 20: (CLC Rm 269) This week’s study, “Practicing Gratitude,” will be led by Dr. Douglass Key.

EPW Lenten Bible Study, “Fruits of the Senses”: Join Lucie Eggleston in Thompson Hall on Tuesday, March 12, at 9:30 am, to learn more about how Jesus used his senses to “bear more fruit.” This is our last session of the series.

St. Patrick’s Party for 5K and under and their families is March 14: From 5 pm until 6:15 pm (TH). Join us for fellowship and fun. Older siblings are welcome. See emails from Croskeys.

St. Pat’s Congregational Luncheon is next Sunday, March 17 (CLC-Gym): Join us after worship for fellowship with your church family. Donations (WE@EPC meal pricing) are appreciated.

Be a “Bible Doer” on Wednesday, March 20 (6 am -8 am): Meet at the Oliver’s. Come any time for coffee, fellowship, and service. We’ll help with donations for Transitions.

Transitions Third Thursday is March 21: Donate bananas, bake pound cakes, and make pasta salad (by 4 pm Church Office) or serve the meal at Transitions (5 pm).

Save the Dates for EPC’s next Habitat Build (March 21-23 and May 2): Learn more and sign up to serve on our website.

March 24 is Palm Sunday: At 9 am worship, there will be a Palm Processional led by our Worship Discovery second graders, who will receive Bibles during worship. The First Step Class will join in membership during 11:15 am Traditional Worship.

Holy Week Continues: Join us in the Sanctuary on March 28 for our Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 pm. Good Friday’s Tenebrae Service is March 29 at 7 pm (Sanctuary), and Easter Sunday is March 31 with four worship services: Sunrise at 6:30 am (Courtyard), 8:45 am Traditional (Sanctuary), and two services at 10:30 am - Traditional and Jubilee (Sanctuary and TH).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of Melissa Blair Boyd “Missy” by her family, Austin, Barbara, Scott, and Mary Boyd.

Unison Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PARKS BUNCH AND RICHARD SLATER
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)

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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
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
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Bill Collins, Business Manager
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 IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2024
9:00 AND 11:15 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
Cantilena Josef Rheinberger

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
People: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart."
All: We come, O God, to you. You are meek yet glorious; You are humble but powerful; You are gentle yet the Maker of all that is-- seen and unseen.

†***HYMN OF ADORATION #291**
Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *(Unison)*
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 Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Gentle Savior, we come to you because you are approachable. You give us grace to approach your throne with confidence that you will have mercy and grace upon us in our time of need. We have been proud. We have been harsh with our criticisms- as if we are the judge of all the earth. We have been boastful when we should boast in you. We have pretended that we have deserved and earned all that we have- forgetting that all we have is a gift from you. O God, we humbly ask for your gentle mercy to lift us up to your love. We are grateful that you sympathize with our weakness yet you gently show us what faithfulness means. Have mercy and restore us in your way, truth, and life.

SILENT PRAYER

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 #313
Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY
Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again. Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again. Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again. Loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

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
He Shall Feed His Flock/ Come Unto Him Georg F. Handel
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.

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OFFICER’S PRAYER Parks Bunch

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 Page 182
Scripture Focus: Proverbs 15:1; Philippians 4:5 Page 563, Page 187

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
"Nothing Is So Strong As Gentleness"

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #408**
There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**
Amen DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE
Aria in F Major Georg F. Handel

***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 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.

March 17, 2024
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith