

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Join us for a Congregational Luncheon today after 11:15 am Worship (CLC-Gym):** Gather for food and fellowship with your church family. MENU: Sliced Cured Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Parsnips, Sauteed Cabbage with Bacon, Buttered Carrots, & Rolls. Donations (WE@EPC meal pricing) are appreciated.

**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" 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.

**Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, March 20, MENU (5:15 pm):** Pork Tenderloin with Mushroom Brie Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, & Garlic Bread. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

**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.

**WE@EPC "Embracing the Biblical Practices of Lent" (CLC Rm 269):** Join us for our final study of the series, "Practicing Simplicity," this Wednesday from 6 pm - 7:15 pm led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan.

**Transitions Third Thursday is March 21:** Donate bananas, bake pound cakes, and make pasta salad. Donations should be dropped off the Church Office in by **3 pm**, or you can help serve the meal at Transitions at 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan to help out ([alisommcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisommcgowan11@gmail.com)).

**Build a Habitat Home (March 21-23, and May 2):** Learn more and sign up to serve on our website.

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the First Day of Holy Week:** Join us for worship. At 9 am in the Sanctuary, 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 worship.

**Officer's Exam for Confirmation is March 24 at 10 am in the CLC (MPR):** Confirmation Sunday is April 7 beginning with a breakfast in the CLC (Gym) for families. Please RSVP to Janice Blair ([jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org)). Confirmands will be recognized during 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.

**Peanut Butter Sunday is March 24.** Each fourth Sunday, donations are collected in the Harvest Hope/NorthStar bins in our reception areas to help fight hunger in The Midlands. This ministry began in the 1980s with Frank Harden's Sunday School Class.

**Easter Egg Hunt with Trenholm Road UMC is on March 24 in the Field:** Families with children pre-K through fifth grade are invited to join in the fun from 3 pm until 4:15 pm. This is a family event and siblings are welcome. Bring your Easter baskets and join us! Volunteers are needed. To help out, contact Pastor Croskeys at [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

**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). There will be a time of fellowship at 9:45 am in the Courtyard.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in celebration and thanksgiving for the birth of Jack William Wolfe, III, by his grandparents, Kathy and Jack Wolfe.

## Unison Reading: Galatians 5:19-26

<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

## SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



**DEACONS:** KAREN HUDGENS AND SALLIE JAMESON  
**HEAD USHER:** DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (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  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 17, 2024  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

*Lily of the Valley*

Memorial Handbells

arr. Tammy Waldrop

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh;

People: **Let us stand firm therefore, and not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

Leader: Let us live by the Spirit and not by the desires of the flesh.

People: **For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God, who gives us these gifts...**

#### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

#### \*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.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eleanor Kate Al Baldawi *(11:15 am)*

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago. Taking children on his knee, saying “Let them come to me.” Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**Loving God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience, kindness and self-control, but all too often we are a divided, mean-spirited people. We place blame rather than lift prayers. We tolerate violent words and violent means rather than actively seeking justice and pursuing peace. We are impatient with each other and fail to love as you have loved us. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways in this time of silent prayer, and set us free in Jesus Christ...**

#### 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 patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again. Patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

**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

*Consider the Lilies*

arr. A. Laurence Lyon

Consider the lilies of the field; How they grow. Consider the birds in the sky; How they fly. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the birds in the sky, And he will feed those who trust Him And guide them with His eye. Consider the sheep of His fold; How they follow where he leads. Tho' the path may wind across the mountains, He know the meadows where they feed. Consider the sweet tender children who must suffer on this earth; the pains of all of them He carried from the day of His birth. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the lambs of his fold. And He will heal those who trust Him, And make their hearts as gold.

Roger Hoffman

#### \*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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#### OFFICER'S PRAYER

Frank Shuler

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

“Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #819

*Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*Amen*

DANISH AMEN

#### POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on “Rbondda”*

Louis Shirer

#### \*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.*

#### DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Eleanor Kate Al Baldawi, daughter of Kathryn Derrick-Al Baldawi and Nour Al Baldawi, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Former elder Bob Derrick, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer..

#### March 24, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith