

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome, Dr. John McCall, Taiwanese Missionary and Guest Preacher.

75th Anniversary's Missions Celebration (March 25 - 26): We will be Marching Out into our community this Saturday, March 25, for Mission Saturday; returning on Sunday, March 26, are Dr. Ellen Skidmore (preaching) as well as Dr. Eric Skidmore and Dr. John Frye, who will be assisting with worship. Join us in celebration of 75 years of missions!

Congregational Covered Dish Luncheon: Also on March 26, we will have a congregational lunch, which will be a covered dish nostalgic lunch. Make your favorite casserole from your childhood. For details, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/missions-blitz-weekend-potluck-luncheon/>.

March 26 is Peanut Butter Sunday. Bring a jar of peanut butter with you to church and drop it off in one of our Harvest Hope bins around campus.

Share Your Eastminster Story: As we celebrate 75 years, we want to share pictures illustrating your Eastminster Stories. Send in pictures of you and/or your family participating in ministries at Eastminster. Please email photos to communications@eastminsterpres.org.

ECAMP (Eastminster's Children's Afternoon Music Program) Tonight: Children (4K - Fifth Graders) should be dropped off at 5 pm and picked up promptly at 6:30 pm from the Sanctuary. If you have questions, contact Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

She Sings Concert is this Tuesday, March 21, at 7 pm (Sanctuary): In place of ticket sales, you may make a donation or bring in a jar of peanut butter for Harvest Hope. Donate at www.eastminsterpres.org Upcoming Events.

Red Cross Blood Drive is Wednesday, March 23 (CLC-Gym 1 pm - 6 pm): Give the gift of life during Missions Blitz Week! Visit our website's Upcoming Events to sign up (www.eastminsterpres.org).

E2 (Eastminster Experience) Internships for College-aged Young Adults: Apply for a summer job at EPC, June 5-July 30, learning about the life of the church. Contact Nick Demuyneck, ndemuyneck@eastminsterpres.org, to fill out an application.

The Flower Guild invites You to Dedicate Easter Lilies for Easter Morning: Pick up a form at the Welcome Center, or dedicate at www.eastminsterpres.org Upcoming Events. Dedication forms (\$25) are due to Julie McDaniel by April 3.

Join Us for Worship on Holy Week: Palm Sunday is April 2 (regular worship schedule). **Godspell Movie Night** is April 5 at 7pm in Thompson Hall (TH). **Maundy Thursday** is April 6 at 7 pm in TH. **Good Friday's** Tenebrae Service is on April 7 (7 pm Sanctuary), and **Easter Sunday** is on April 9: Sunrise Service is at 6:30 am (Courtyard), Traditional Services are at 8:45 am and 10:30 am (Sanctuary), and Contemporary Jubilee Service is at 10:30 am (TH). In lieu of Sunday School, there will be a Courtyard Celebration at 9:45 am.

April 16th is Confirmation Sunday: Our High School Confirmands will be honored during the 11:15 am Traditional Worship service where they will be presented with stoles that represent their spiritual gifts, as well as Bibles. Their confirmation exam will be on April 2 during the Sunday school hour.

Adult Mission Trip to Ft. Myers, FL, is April 24-29, 2023: Join Dr. Ben Sloan and team this Spring as we reenter the mission field. Travel to Florida with ministry partner, St. James Presbytery, and join in on hurricane relief efforts. Visit Upcoming Events on the website to learn more and sign up. The deadline to register is April 1.

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: Isaiah 58:9b-12

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon-day. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: KIM ANDREWS AND THOMAS RHODES
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, 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
Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V Director

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2023
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CHORAL INTROIT

O How Good Is Christ the Lord (9:00 am)

Arr. J. Reeves

JAM (Jesus And Me)

#387 *Let Us Come To Worship God* (11:15 am)

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 4

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come.

Leader: You are worthy, our Lord and God,

People: to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things,

All: and by your will they existed and were created.

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #733

We All Are One In Mission

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

William Clarke Walker, Jr. *(9 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.

We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Hear our confessions as we lift them silently....

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 #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 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

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your word, please order my steps in your Word. Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still. Tho' Satan is busy, God is real! I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord and I'll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but you are still the same. If you order my steps, I'll praise your name. Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word, guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word. Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word. When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word!

*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

Thomas Rhodes

*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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John McCall

“Eyes Touched by Hands of Grace”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

A Blessing

Martin Shaw

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, help the afflicted; honour all people; Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the pow'r of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of the God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*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 Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) 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:

William Clarke Walker, Jr., son of Clarke and JaneAnn Walker., will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. Julie Hudson will offer the baptismal prayer.

March 26, 2023

Rev. Dr. Ellen Skidmore