

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**TODAY AT THE 9:00 AM SERVICE WE RECOGNIZE OUR SECOND GRADERS** who completed Worship Discovery: Collin Ard, William Bowie, Ellis Brearley, Ellen Breland, Jack Burley, William Colpini, Weston DiMarco, Wats Draffin, Mary Mims Dumont, Hugh Ellison, Emma Kate Gaston, Rutledge Good, Ellie Griffin, \*Lillian Halligan, Margaret Mimms, \*Wick Muthig, Walter Rama, Mont Richardson, Campbell Sharpe, Nolan Sizemore, \*Madison Stoneburner, Alice Rush-ton Walker, \*Hayes Williams, Claudia Williamson, Henry Wray (Asterisks indicate perfect attendance).

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

**Easter Egg Hunt with Trenholm Road UMC is Today at 3 pm on 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). *There is no ECAMP tonight.*

**Easter Lily Dedications are due tomorrow:** Forms are at the Welcome Center or online at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org).

**“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 online.

**Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, March 27, MENU (5:15 pm):** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Peas, Pearl Onions, and Mushrooms & Garlic Toast. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

**WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class During the month of April:** Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, you can 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.

**April is Family Promise Month:** Volunteers are needed to cook hot meals and deliver them to the Family Promise Opportunity Center. There are three dates allocated for EPC to provide meals for four families staying in Family Promise Homes. Contact Laura Long to volunteer ([llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto: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. The cost is \$13/ticket, and you can sign up now.

**Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 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!

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, March 28:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, **Thompson Hall**, 7 pm

#### Friday, March 29:

Good Friday Service, **Sanctuary**, 7 pm

#### Easter Sunday, March 31:

Sunrise Service, **Courtyard**, 6:30 am

Traditional Easter Services, **Sanctuary**, 8:45 and 10:30 am

Courtyard Celebration, 9:45 am

Contemporary Easter Service, **Thompson Hall**, 10:30 am

### Unison Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** PEYTON BRYANT AND JOHN SHUFORD  
**HEAD USHER:** BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (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



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 24, 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

*Fantasia super “Valet will ich dir geben”*

J.S. Bach

### INTROIT

*Let's Prepare the Way for Jesus (9:00 am)*

John R. Paradowski

ECAMP Singers

*Ride On, King Jesus (11:15 am)*

Shaw-Parker

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can-a hinduh me. I was but young when I begun, But now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, the river of Jordan He did cross. If you want to find your way to God, the gospel highway must be trod. Ride on, King Jesus, no man can-a hinduh me.

Chancel Choir

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We rise, O God, awakened by your morning light.

People: **By your grace, O Lord, we live and breathe and have our being.**

Leader: Lead us in your path, O Shepherd, as we move through this Holy Week.

People: **From loud Hosannas to the disciples denials, awaken our souls.**

All: **Save us, O Master, we need your redeeming grace! We need you!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall (9:00 am)

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan (11:15 am)

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 am)

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*Unison*) (from 1 Corinthians 15)

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. 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.

## PRESENTATION OF WORSHIP DISCOVERY BIBLES (9 am)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**Merciful God, we confess the fallenness of our souls and the folly of our sin. We grumble about the flaws of others, but are blind to our own. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. In the light of your Grace, O God, our sin is ever so evident. In humility and honest soul searching, help us begin this Holy Week hungering for the forgiveness and grace you provide, and let it begin in this silent prayer...**

### 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 #443

*There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, forgiving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

**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

*An Offering*

Dan Forrest

O Christ, Who spared not any cost, Nor any grace withheld, But poured forth Your redeeming blood In love unparalleled; What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss That I may taste the fellowship That brings me near the cross? Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride What You who gave Yourself me Now bid me lay aside? To know You is my highest gain, Worth any sacrifice, A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price. Yet if behind my open hands, My heart shrinks from the cost, Teach me that nothing offered You Is ever truly lost. A hundred-fold reward awaits In one glimpse of Your face, My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

Eileen Berry

### \*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

Peyton Bryant

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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Scripture Focus: Mark 14:1-9

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Would We Betray Jesus?”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*Amen*

DANISH AMEN

### POSTLUDE

*Processional*

William Mathias

### \*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 31, 2024—EASTER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith