

## 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 Sunday, March 10, 2024**, immediately following the 9 am worship service. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults.

**Prayer Cards are available in our Welcome Centers and online:** To add a member to the Prayer List, please contact Kelly McGrady (ext. 123).

**Children's ECAMP is tonight from 5 pm - 6:30 pm:** There will be a devotional, choir rehearsal, and a meal. See emails from Ms. Stefanie. Volunteers are needed each Sunday evening. Scan the QR code on the flatscreen graphic to sign up.

**EPW Lenten Bible Study, "Fruits of the Senses":** Led by Lucie Eggleston, join us Tuesdays in the Parlor (03/05 & 03/12) at 10 am. Learn how Jesus used his senses to "bear more fruit." Refreshments will be provided.

**Wednesday Evenings @ EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, March 6, MENU (5:15 pm):** Beef Stroganoff with Noodles, Roasted Carrots, Squash Casserole, and Rolls. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon. Contact Kelly Fernet ([kfernet@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kfernet@eastminsterpres.org)) if you need assistance.

**WE@EPC "Embracing the Biblical Practices of Lent" through March 20:** (CLC Rm 269) This week's study, "Asking For and Extending Forgiveness," will be led by Dr. Ben Sloan.

**Seniors Game Day is March 7 from 3:30 pm until 5 pm in Thompson Hall:** Join us for fun, fellowship, games, and refreshments. Bring a friend.

**"The Third Day: Living the Resurrection" begins next Sunday, March 10:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) for Sundays@5. We'll focus on individual life-changing witnesses to the resurrection. Register and order your book online.

**EPW Honorary Life Membership Nominations due March 11:** Forms are available in our Church Office Reception and online.

**EPW's next Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, March 12:** All ladies are invited to join us in Thompson Hall for breakfast (\$6) and prayer led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Doors open at 8am for coffee and fellowship; breakfast will be served at 8:15am; and the program will end at 9am. Please RSVP by March 7.

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

**St. Pat's Congregational Luncheon is on March 17 (CLC-Gym):** Join us after worship for fellowship with your church family. Enjoy Regina's cuisine and catch up with friends. Donations (WE@EPC meal pricing) are appreciated.

**Save the Dates for EPC's next Habitat Build (March 21-23, and May 2):** Learn more and sign up to serve.

**March 24 is Palm Sunday:** There will be a Palm Processional at 9 am worship 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 Services:** Join us in the Sanctuary on March 28 for our Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 pm. The Good Friday 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).

**Pastoral Care After Hours:** To reach a pastor, even when the church offices are closed, please call (803) 256-1654 for directions on how to reach the on-call pastor.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by Bill Coggins in honor of his family: Susan, Liz, Cal, and his fiancé, Sami.

## Unison Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24

<sup>23</sup>Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; <sup>24</sup>but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

## SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



**DEACONS:** STEPHEN SANSBURY AND DOLORES LONG  
**HEAD USHER:** JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (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  
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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 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

*Two Settings of Blessed Jesus, We are Here, BWV 730 & 731* J. S. Bach

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

From selected verses

Leader: The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; he protects those who take refuge in him (Nahum 1:7);

People: **Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him (Psalm 34:8);**

Leader: Every good and perfect gift is from above. (James 1:17)

People: **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works (Ephesians 2:10),**

All: **So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone. (Galatians 6:10)**

#### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

#### \*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 and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Collins Carolyn Young *(9:00 am)*

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

*Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Christ our Lord, you have graced our lives with a love beyond measure. Emptied of any selfish ambition, your poured yourself out for us with a resolution that shames our pale commitments. The depth and breadth of your love should inspire us to a ministry knowing no barriers and no limits in its kindness. Our response has hardly been as generous. We are timid in love and reserved in compassion. Christ our Savior, have mercy upon us. Cleanse our hearts. And through your loving Spirit empower us to love as you have loved us. Amen.

#### 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 faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again. Faithful, faithful, faithful, 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

*Treasures in Heaven* Allen Pote

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within your heart.

From Matthew 6:19 and 1 Corinthians 9:7

#### \*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

Stephen Sansbury

\*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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#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24**

Scripture Focus: Luke 6:17-26; 43-45

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

“Plain Talk”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*Amen* DANISH AMEN

#### POSTLUDE

*Scherzo from Suite Gothique* L. Boëllmann

#### \*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:

Collins Carolyn Young, daughter of Ryan and Susie Young, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. Geoff Reabold will offer the baptismal prayer.

#### March 10, 2024

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

"Nothing is so strong as Gentleness"