

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 6, at the conclusion of the 9 am service, for the purpose of hearing from and acting on recommendations regarding the call of an associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Younger adults.

The Flower Guild invites You to Dedicate Easter Lilies for Easter Morning: Pick up a form at the Welcome Center, or make your dedication and pay online. Dedications (\$25) are due to Julie McDaniel by April 9.

Chiapas Mexico Mission Trip Informational Meeting Today at 4 pm (E-351): Others who have served in Chiapas will be there to answer any questions you may have. This is an intergenerational trip for adult men and women; children 13 and older may attend with a parent.

Sundays@5 Witness at the Cross Lenten Book Study Through April 13: led by Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). Our study is Amy-Jill Levine's book, Witness at the Cross and you are invited to experience the events of Good Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die.

Last Sundays@5 Lectio Divina is tonight: Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan in Room 256 of the Christian Education Building. Join us for "Divine Reading" where we'll read Scripture slowly and meditatively open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit, to offer solace and peace in today's world.

NED's Women's Revelation Bible Study continues tonight at 5 pm (E-353): Led by guest teacher Emily Craig, who led the Community Bible Study in Georgetown, SC, where over 300 attend or stream the study. Join us! Our study ends on April 13.

Tonight is the last ECAMP for the semester: for singers 4K through fifth grade. Drop-off (5:00 pm) and pick-up (6:30 pm) in the Sanctuary. We have a devotional, rehearsal, and dinner (\$3.00). Please see emails from Mrs. Stefanie for details.

Join us for WE@EPC on Wednesday, April 2 at 5:15 pm, in Thompson Hall: MENU- Adults: Chili, Potato Skins, Fried Green Beans, and Corn Bread - (Kids: Same as Adults). Our last WE@EPC meal is next Wednesday, April 9.

"Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" Adult Book Study on Tuesday, April 1 (12-1 pm): Bring your lunch and come to the Adult Reception Hall and see Jesus through a different lens. Linda Long is leading our study. This is an EPW-sponsored study, but all are welcome! Our last study is on April 8.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) is on April 6: Rising first (currently 5K) through current fifth graders are invited to a SWAG Skate Party at Three Fountains Skate Rink in West Columbia. Drop off is at 5:15 pm. Pick up is at 7:15 pm. Parents, we need chaperones, so let Croskeys know if you can stay and help (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

Holy Week is April 13-20, 2025: Palm Sunday is April 13, Maundy Thursday Worship on April 17 (7 pm), Good Friday Worship on April 18 (7 pm), and Easter Sunday on April 20- four worship services (6:30 am. Sunrise in the Courtyard, 8:45 am Sanctuary, and 10:30 am Sanctuary and Thompson Hall).

Children of All Ages up to Fifth Grade are Invited to an "Egg Scramble" on April 13: Meet us on the Field across Trenholm at 4 pm. We'll enjoy fellowship, crafts, inflatables, snacks, and hunting for 2,500 eggs!

Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is April 24, at the Hudgens' from 7:00 to 9:00 pm: Anyone in their 50s - 70s is welcome to join us! RSVP and sign up to bring a dessert or appetizer on our website. To host a future Lightly Seasoned Social, email Lauri Moore (laurimoore8@gmail.com), or Jennifer Rayfield (jenray2001@gmail.com) our Lightly Seasoned Co-chairs.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Macy Lee Morrow and Ethan Cole Tisdale.

UNISON READING: Luke 20:1-5

One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders ²and said to him, "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?" ³He answered them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: ⁴Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" ⁵They discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'"

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND DAVID ELLISON
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY (9:00 AM) AND BILL STALLINGS (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 2025
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

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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

Wondrous Love

David Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 43:18-19a, 20b-21)

Leader: This is what the Lord says—

People: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

Leader: See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

People: Because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,

Leader: to give drink to my people, my chosen,

All: the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #805

Come Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

*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—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are too quick to judge, often falling short of showing forth your love, welcome, and hospitality for all of your children. Uncover within us a lament for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Restore to us your joy in our lives, bind up that which is broken, so that your warm light might shine through us to all the world.

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 #718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

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

Wondrous Love

Traditional

arr. Parker/Shaw

*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

Sam Agee

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*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

SERMON

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

“The Upside Down Way of Jesus: Outsmarting God”

COMMISSIONING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS (11:15 am)

Pastor: Will you promise to serve the people of western NC with energy, intelligence and love?

Trip participants: We will.

Pastor: Will you be a witness of the love of Christ to those you meet and how you work?

Trip participants: We will.

Pastor to the congregation: As members of the church of Christ, will you pray for these missionaries sent out from our church- that their work will bear fruit and that they will be protected as they go?

People: We will.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #443 verse 2

There is a Redeemer

GREEN

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David Johnson

*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 the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our First Step class which began March 2, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

April 6, 2025

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Luke 22:39-53

“The Upside Down Way of Jesus: Are You Sleeping?”