

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Today is Baccalaureate Sunday:** We will celebrate and recognize 36 High School Seniors during 11:15 am Traditional worship in the Sanctuary.

**Today's Mother's Day Special Offering is for Presbyterian Communities:** Your generosity benefits South Carolina residents. Thank you for your vital contributions to this offering.

**EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 am:** All EPC Ladies are invited to Thompson Hall for fellowship and a devotional.

**Donations for Camp Impact at Camp Cole are being Collected in May:** EPC will be providing meals for campers at Camp Impact and collecting 100 bath towels and twin blankets that the campers can take home with them. Collection bins are in our reception areas through May 31, 2024.

**Bible Doers will "Do" on Wednesday, May 15, at the Olivers':** Stop by anytime between 6 am and 8 am to help with donations for Transitions. Enjoy fellowship, take a walk, and pray with each other. The coffee is always plentiful and hot! We will take a break in June and July and gather again for service on August 14.

**DivorceCare continues on May 15 from 6:15 pm -7:30 pm:** These are pastor-led discussions to guide and comfort those who are facing challenges of a broken relationship. Join us in Room 351 of the Education Building. The last meeting for this session will be on May 29, 2024.

**EPC's Online Pictorial Directory is Coming Soon:** Eastminster is excited to introduce you to its online pictorial directory, which provides you with secure access to the church directory, and we hope you will explore the new online platform to connect with fellow members.

**Transitions Third Thursday is May 16:** Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm, meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or serve the meal at 5 pm. Our Third Thursday Summer dates are June 20, July 18, and August 15. To help, contact Alison McGowan at [alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

**Beautify Our Church Grounds:** Love the outdoors? Join our lawn care team! Help mow, trim, and keep our church looking its best. No experience needed, just an enthusiastic and willing attitude. To join the lawn care team, contact Zack Hudson at [hudson@rlsolve.com](mailto:hudson@rlsolve.com).

**Join us on Memorial Day Weekend for Breakfast and Blended Worship- Sunday, May 26:** Intergenerational Breakfast will be at 9 am in Thompson Hall (no Sunday School) followed by one worship service at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Join us for fellowship and worship!

**Our Summer Worship Schedule Begins on June 2:** Jubilee Contemporary Worship begins at 10 am in Thompson Hall and Traditional worship is at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. There will be an Adult Summer Sunday School Class from 9 am to 10 am in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH).

**Volunteers are needed for CHAMPS Camp June 3-7:** Held annually, this one-week Summer Program provides CHAMPS students academic instruction and support, Christian-based character education, career exploration, and service learning. To help, contact Rev. Ben Sloan ([bsloan@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:bsloan@eastminsterpres.org)).

**The Peace Service is June 9, at 4 pm, in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH):** Every other month, our Congregational Care and Worship and Music ministries offer a Peace service for folks seeking a contemplative worship experience. Please join, and feel free to bring a friend or neighbor who may benefit.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by Kathy and Jack Wolfe in memory of their mothers, Charlotte Cassels and Marie Wolfe.

## Unison Reading: Psalm 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

## SERMON NOTES

### Congratulations to our 2024 High School Graduates

John Campbell Blackwelder	Drew Lansche
Christopher Bradley	Adair Long
Davidson Bradley	Will McGee, IV
Parker Burden	Sally Mills
Bella Cannon	Riley Montgomery
Bryce Cartwright	Jack Morris
Charlie Clarke	Lucy Morris
Elaine Craig	Bonner Otis
Harrison Craven	David Plowden
Gwendolyn Douroux	Maddox Pooser
Blakely Ferguson	Sam Porter
Coleman Ferguson	Emma Price
Jack Fulda	Will Schraibman
Ava Grier	Ella Seigler
Barron Grier, V	Norah Steagall
Walker Hendricks	Lane Swan
Kirby Johns	Ford Thompson, Jr
Julia Kososki	Claire Williams
Crosland Lamb	Luke Williams

**DEACONS:** GEORGE HUTTON AND GEOFF REABOLD  
**HEAD USHER:** JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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

*Fanfare for Organ*

Ronald Arnatt

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139

Leader: We gather this Sabbath day to worship the Lord our God,

People: **Who loved us before we were yet born;**

Leader: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves;

People: **Whose presence never leaves us and whose love never ceases.**

All: **This is our God. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #363

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

DARWELL'S 148TH

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Jesus says, "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" Forgive us, O Lord that even as you seek to protect us as a hen protects her brood, we are slow to respond to your acts of love and provision. Forgive us that, whether we are high school seniors or senior adults, we are too often slow to build others up, but quick to put them down. Forgive us, O God. Give us the character and the courage to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, and let that begin even in this silence.....

## 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 #246

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### 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

*Jubilate Deo*

Peter Anglea

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100:1, 2, 5

### \*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

Berry Mattox

\*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

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Building Up in an Age of Tearing Down”

## BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES *(11:15 only)*

Leader: Gracious God, we pray that these, Your children, may clearly know Your will and achieve the height and depth of spiritual wisdom and understanding.

People: **May they lead lives worthy of You, Lord, continuously pleasing You by doing every good work and growing in the true knowledge that comes from being close to You.**

Leader: Strengthen them with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might.

People: **In order that they will develop endurance and patience, traveling the road that lies ahead of them with joy and giving thanks to You in all things.**

All: **Amen.**

(adapted from Colossians 1:9-12)

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #547

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be at your back; may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field and until we meet again, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Ar hydy nos"*

### \*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.*

### May 19, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith