

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Baccalaureate Sunday: Congratulations to all High School Seniors of Eastminster. Graduates will be honored during the 11:15 am Traditional Worship.

Annual Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities (SC): Honor mothers who have given so much by participating in today's special offering to assist members living at Presbyterian homes who may have outlived their savings, or be in need of financial assistance.

Welcome New Members joining today during Jubilee Worship: Stephanie Hooker and Jay Ratterree, Kasey and Blake Winkles with son Parks (1), and Hannah and Bradley Young.

Mother's Day Grief Share Support Group: is for mothers who have lost a child and children who have lost their mothers. Join Dr. Ben Sloan in the Education Building (Rm 351) at 5 pm.

There are no Sunday Evening Programs Tonight. The last Journey Through the Bible class for the Spring Semester is next Sunday, May 21. Youth evening programs have ended for Summer Break.

Time and Talent Questionnaires are due on May 31: Questionnaires available at the Welcome Centers, or online (<https://eastminsterpres.org/events/time-and-talent/>). After you have indicated which ministries you would like to explore, someone from those ministries will be in touch.

Transitions Third Thursday is May 18: Your donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cake are appreciated. Contact Alison McGowan to help (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

Communion Sunday is May 21: If you need in-home Communion, please contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

Holy Land Pilgrimage Interest Meeting is May 21: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land this Fall but need a little more information? Join trip guides, Ben Sloan and Douglass Key, in the Adult Reception Hall next Sunday from 6:30-7:30 pm. People who are already on the list do not need to attend. Contact Julie McDaniel with questions (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org).

Intergenerational Breakfast and one Worship Service on May 28: You're invited to the Courtyard for breakfast (9 am) followed by a blended service in the Sanctuary at 10:15 am. There is no Jubilee Service on May 28.

Peanut Butter Sunday is May 28: Each fourth Sunday, members bring jars of peanut butter for area food banks to help fight hunger in The Midlands.

Summer Worship Hours begin June 4: Jubilee Worship (Thompson Hall) at 10:15 am and Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) at 10:30 am. Also, there will be a combined Adult Sunday School class at 9 am (Adult Reception Hall).

"Reclaiming Revelation," Adult Combined SS Class begins June 4: Join Dr. Douglass Key to read and think about Revelation anew. Meet in the Adult Reception Hall at 9 am on Sunday mornings.

Register and Volunteer for VBS Food Truck Party: VBS is June 26-29 from 9 am - noon with Bible stories, crafts, music, and of course - food trucks! Volunteers are needed, so please register your child and/or sign up to volunteer by visiting <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/vbs-2023/>.

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. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given in celebration of the baptism of Charles Bellinger Varn by his parents and grandparents.

Unison Reading: Psalm 139: 13-14

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND TERESA SHELTON
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, 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
Emily Higgins, Interim Dir. 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023
9:00 AM & 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.

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

PRELUDE

For Love Is All in All

Carl Simone

Trumpet Tune on “Gaudeamus Pariter”

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We gather here in response to an invitation, a nudge, a hunger, a hope.

People: **The living God stirs within us to bring us together as a body.**

Leader: We don't have all the answers, but in Jesus Christ, God gives His heart, His hand - Himself.

People: **Seeing that our Lord so loves us, let us respond by loving others - all others, everywhere.**

All: **Refresh, re-center, and renew us in this hour, O Master. Remind us that in life and in death we belong to You through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles Bellinger Varn *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Hear us now as we silently confess our own shortcomings before you, trusting that your grace knows no end...Amen.

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

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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

Building Up the Kingdom

Roger Holland

My hands are your hands, to pray and to serve, to do works of justice, to heal where there is hurt, to touch the untouchable as God did in the flesh, Greater works you said we'll do, if in your name we'll ask. I wanna be used for the building up of the kingdom of God; keep my hand on the gospel plow, never gonna stop. I wanna be used for the building up of the kingdom of God. I'm gonna build it up until I get home. My feet are your feet, to go where you please, clothed in your righteousness with the gospel of peace. I'll run and not get weary, walk and not faint, strengthened by your Spirit to run this Christian race. My tongue is your tongue, to speak your holy word, spreading the gospel, to bless and not curse, to sing with the angels, their song from above. I dedicate my life to you, an offering of love.

*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

Teresa Shelton

*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. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

“Love of the Game Clause”

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 #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

*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 face, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Presto

G.F Handel

*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 next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Charles Bellinger Varn, son of Charles and Meredith Varn, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Anne Seabrook will offer the baptismal prayer.

May 21, 2023

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key