

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Service Commitment Sunday: Today is a day not only to honor volunteers with light refreshments in the Courtyard during the Sunday School Hour (10 am - 11 am), but also the kick-off to Time and Talent. Time and Talent questionnaires are available at the Welcome Centers or online at <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/time-talent-kick-off/>. Please fill out a questionnaire by **Wednesday, May 31**, indicating ministries you would like to explore, and someone from the ministries you select will be in touch with you.

Welcome New Members, Kirstin and Patrick DiMarco, who join today: with their children Weston (7), Sutton (4), Coco (2), and Wade (11 months).

Sundays@5 Journey Through the Bible with Dr. Douglass Key: Continues tonight and 5/21, which is the final class. Please note, there will be no class on Mother's Day.

May Prayer Cards are available in our Welcome Centers: To add a member to the Prayer List, please contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 am in Thompson Hall: Ladies are invited to join for fellowship, a time of prayer, and a devotional.

Annual Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities (SC): Next Sunday, remember and thank mothers who have given so much by giving to this special offering. This special offering assists members living at Presbyterian homes who may have outlived their savings or be in need of financial assistance.

Upcoming Care Support Group: On Mother's Day (5/14) at 5 pm in Room 351, there will be a Grief Share gathering for those who have lost their mothers or for those mothers who have lost children.

May 14 is Baccalaureate Sunday: High school Seniors and families are invited to breakfast in the Gym from 10—11 am (please RSVP to Janice Blair jblair@eastminsterpres.org), followed by 11:15 am Sanctuary worship, where graduating High School Seniors will be honored.

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).

Work for the Drop-In Nursery this Summer: Care for children (12-weeks to 4-years) Tuesday-Thursday from 8:45 am until 12 pm. For consideration, please send your resume to Croskeys Royall (croyall@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.

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).

Register and Volunteer for VBS: This year's theme is Food Truck Party. VBS is June 26-29 from 9 am - noon and will be filled 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/>.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2023: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land this Fall? Trip dates are October 30 - November 9, and there is still room! To sign up, contact Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Collins Lane and Wade Edward DiMarco by their parents, Patrick and Kirstin DiMarco. **Flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Lucas Andrews Huffstetler by his parents, Anna Beth and Lucas Huffstetler.

Unison Reading: Proverbs 11:18-20

¹⁸The wicked earn no real gain,
but those who sow righteousness get a true reward.

¹⁹Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live,
but whoever pursues evil will die.

²⁰Crooked minds are an abomination to the LORD,
but those of blameless ways are his delight.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
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HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) RANDY LIGGITT (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
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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 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 worshiping 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish tune, arr. J. Wayne Kerr

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

M. Praetorius, arr. Hall Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

INTROIT

I Will Sing of the Mercies

James H. Fillmore

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 15:3 - 4

EDS Threes 9:00 am

Psalms 23:1-6

EDS Fours 11:15 am

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #436 (Congregation, please join in singing at verse 2)

Jesus in the Morning

TRADITIONAL

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.
2. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in morning, praise Him in the noontime.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down.
3. Love Him, love Him, love Him in the morning, love Him in the noontime.
Love Him, love Him, love Him when the sun goes down.
4. Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him in the morning, serve Him in the noontime.
Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him when the sun goes down.
5. Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him in the morning, thank Him in the noon-time.
Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him when the sun goes down.

*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.

**RESPONSE (Please send the children forward.)

My God Is So Big

Traditional

EDS Threes (9:00 am)

Alive, Alive

Traditional

EDS Fours (11:15 am)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Collins Lane DiMarco and
Wade Edward DiMarco (9:00 am)
Lucas Andrews Huffstetler (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188 (9:00 am)

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, self-centered when we should be selfless, and passive when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin, even as we lift our prayers in this silence...

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. 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

Power of the Cross

arr. Mark Hayes

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross. Now the day-light flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, “Finished!” the vict’ry cry. This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross. O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff’ring I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love! This the pow’r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross

*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

THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS

*OFFICER’S PRAYER

Jay Hudson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: 1 Peter 4:1-2, 7-11

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Carrying the Manifold Grace of God”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*CHARGE

*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

Earth and All Stars, Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Wayne L. Wold

*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:

Collins Lane DiMarco and Wade Edward DiMarco, daughter and son of Kirstin and Patrick DiMarco, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. Drew Richardson will offer the baptismal prayer.

Lucas Andrews Huffstetler, son of Anna Beth and Lucas Huffstetler, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Paternal grandfather Andy Lowrey will offer the baptismal prayer.

May 14, 2023

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck