

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tonight is Middle School Family Game Night! Families and students should join Emily Higgins in the CLC for games and fellowship from 5 pm-6:30 pm.

Only Four Rooms Remain for the Advent Retreat, Dec. 1-3, in Montreat! Register by tomorrow at 5 pm. Led by Rev. Ed Black, this annual event is an intergenerational retreat- eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/.

Drop off an Ornament for the Memory Tree Today: The Memory Tree graces Thompson Hall each Advent, and you can help decorate it by turning in an ornament with your loved one's name on it. Turn in your ornaments by November 26 in the Church Office Reception area.

Giving for Homeless No More Outreach: Help families experiencing homelessness this Christmas. Purchase new items and place them under the tree in the church reception area by December 6 or volunteer on December 11 at the Holiday Shop. For more information, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/homeless-no-more-outreach/.

EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 am (Thompson Hall).

Last WE@EPC Meal is November 15 at 5:15 pm: Menu- Sliced Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Rice, Butter Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, and Rolls. RSVP by 1 pm on Wednesday at: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/. Pay with cash or check, at the door.

She Sings Presents, "Music of Mother...NATURE," on November 14: Join this community choir on Tuesday in the Sanctuary at 7 pm for a special concert. All proceeds go to Camp Cole.

Be a Bible Doer on Wednesday, November 15: Come to the Oliver's home between 6 am - 8 am for fellowship and service preparing food for Transitions.

Transitions Third Thursday Meal is November 16: Drop off bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office by 4 pm or serve at Transitions at 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com) to help.

Thornwell Special Offering, Pathways to Prayer, is November 19: Bless hurting children and families through giving and praying for Thornwell Communities.

SWAG Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is November 19: First through Fifth graders join us in the CLC for shoebox packing, a devotional, crafts and s'mores. If you can help out, contact Croskeys croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

Carolina vs. Clemson Harvest Hope Food Drive Through November 26: Week 4 results: Carolina- 960 lbs, Clemson- 669 lbs, and all other schools- 104.

Embracing Hospitality Bible Study Begins Wednesday, November 26: Dr. Ben Sloan will lead this study from 12-1 pm in Thompson Hall on November 26, December 6, and December 13. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

Volunteer at the Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse on December 4: Sort, assemble, and organize incoming gifts and food items! To volunteer, visit: eastminsterpres.org/events/salvation-army-christmas-warehouse-service-day/.

Mall to Manger Challenge December 3-24, 2023: We are donating Bibles for children in need through The Salvation Army this Advent! Make a donation including "M2M" in the memo line of your check and pick up "A Donation Has Been Made in Your Name" cards at the Welcome Center to give to loved ones.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of John Scott "Jack" Kiphart by his family.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 1)	296
Prior Year Pledge Totals:(Week 1)	297

Unison Reading: Mark 13:26-27

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: STEPHEN SANBURY AND CARMEN ATKINS
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9 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. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor	Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
9:00 AND 1 1:15 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

Let All Things Now Living

ASHGROVE, arr. Paul Tate

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 64)

Leader: When God performs deeds that we did not expect,

People: it is God coming down to be among us.

Leader: Mountains quake and hearts will be changed.

People: Let the God of the unexpected be among us today.

All: Let us worship God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM John Scott Kiphart (*11:15 am*)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of past, present, and future, we praise you for your presence in our lives. We confess that we have turned away from you. Our hearts are devoted to the desires of this world. Our thoughts are focused on our own needs at the expense of others. Our minds are focused on what is happening in this moment rather than your calling for us. In your mercy, forgive us, O God. Through the power of your Holy Spirit turn us away from our own desires, and turn us back to you. We ask all this in the name of your son, Jesus, and ask that you hear us now even as we silently pray to you...

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 #702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

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

The Peace of God

John Rutter (1945-)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

From The Book of Common Prayer (1662) and Philippians 4:7

*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

Charlie Mims

*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

“Study Skills”

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

He Is Lord! He Is Lord!

HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord, he is risen from the dead and He is Lord. Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess, That Jesus Christ is Lord.

*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

Fugue and Harmonization on “St. Anne”

J.S. Bach, Ed. Hopson

*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:

John Scott Kiphart, son of John and Jean Kiphart, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 9:00 am service. Great-aunt Kay Benton will offer the baptismal prayer.

November 19, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith