

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Eastminster's Special Offering for Thornwell Children's Home will be collected this Morning. Thank you for your annual support of the children at Thornwell.

Congratulations to Ed Black! Dr. Smith is at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church today, preaching at Ed Black's Service of Ordination and Installation. Having completed seminary and the other requirements for ordination as a minister in the Presbyterian Church, Ed has been called to serve as Associate Pastor at Forest Lake. Ed, his wife Elizabeth (Halligan), and their children have been long time members of Eastminster.

Confirmation Class of 2023 Meets Today at 10 am (CLC Arts & Crafts Room): Confirmands will meet with Pastor Nick on the first and third Sundays of the month for Sunday School. Contact Janice Blair to get a copy of the Confirmation Schedule (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoe Boxes Ship out this Week: You may bring your shoe boxes back to the Church Office reception as late as tomorrow by 1:00 pm. Don't forget to include a check for \$10/box made out to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to all who filled a shoebox again this year!

Join Us for SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Tonight for our OCC Packing Party (5-6:30 pm): Drop off your children at the CLC (Gym) for fellowship and packing. More details via emails directly to households from Pastor Croskeys.

Tonight's ECAMP Rehearsal is for K4 & K5 Singers only (5-6 pm): Please meet in the sanctuary at 5 pm and pick-up from the basement promptly at 6:30 pm. (Dinner is from 6-6:30 pm- Sanctuary basement) Contact Fredna with questions (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

Announcing Two New Groups in our Care Ministry- Divorce Care and Grief Share: Led by Dr. Ben Sloan, the Divorce Care Group will meet on November 27 and December 4 at 6 pm in room 357 of the Education building, and the Grief Share Group will meet on December 11 and December 18 at 6 pm in room 357 of the Education building.

Join Eastminster's Footcare Ministry on Tuesdays in November and December (12 pm - 2 pm): Volunteers meet at Christ Central 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 & 12/27 - Lib Foster (libfoster@aol.com).

Help Decorate Eastminster for Advent November 30th & December 1st: Contact Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org) to help Carol Anderson and team.

High School Lock-In is Friday, December 2nd (7 pm - Saturday 7 am): Drop-off/sign-in at the CLC by 7 pm. We will enjoy offsite activities all night, including great food and fellowship. Sign up online under "Upcoming Events." Please contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) if you can chaperone.

Eastminster's Memory Tree Returns to Thompson Hall: Drop off a special ornament in memory of a loved one to the Church Office by December 4th.

St. Lawrence Place and Circle of Giving is Now The Season of Giving Project: We will once again collect gifts for families experiencing homelessness. Visit "Upcoming Events" (www.eastminsterpres.org) for the gift lists. Bring your donations to the church office by Dec. 5. Thank you to Liz Agee and Julie McCue for leading again this year.

Register Online for Dinner and a Concert December 6th: Enjoy food and fellowship at a spaghetti dinner in Thompson Hall beginning at 5:30 pm followed by Carols & Keyboards in the Sanctuary at 7 pm with multiple pianos, musicians, and singers.

EPW's Joy Gift Social is December 13th in Thompson Hall from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: Join us for this annual event where we gather in fellowship and benevolence as we collect monetary donations for the Women's Shelter.

If you do not have hearing aids but would like an assistive listening device, pick-up an FM Hearing Assisted System at our Welcome Center.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the EPC pastors and staff by Alex, Sarah and Hank Dillard.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 2)	319
Prior Year Pledge Totals:(Week 2)	308

Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 15:10-11

¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: CARMEN ATKINS AND CAROLYN STODDARD
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (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. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth
Bill Collins, Business Manager
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
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Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20, 2022
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come
Sonata (11:15 am)*

arr. Joshua Evanovich
Gabriel Faure

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

All: **Come let us worship our LORD with gladness.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*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

O Lord our God, we come to you this day knowing that we are broken people. We hide your commandments away, and forget who you have called us to be. Forgive us, O God. We forget that above all else we are called to love you and love our neighbors, and instead turn a blind eye because it is easier or more convenient. Heal us, O God. Lord we know that you are the one who is able to make us whole time and time again, and we ask that you begin your restorative work in these silent moments now...Amen.

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

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

From the community of Taizé in France

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

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

How Firm a Foundation

Shr-han Wu, piano duet
arr. Travis/Harlan

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

Jane Francis

*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

“Instruction Manual”

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #687 (verses 1-5)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDECTION #687 (verse 6)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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 Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our on-going ministries.

November 27, 2022

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key