

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Carolina vs. Clemson Harvest Hope Food Drive Ends Today: Thank you to all fans who participated! Week 6 results: Carolina- 1,400 lbs, Clemson- 924 lbs, and all other schools- 129 lbs.

Drop off an Ornament for the Memory Tree: Help decorate this tree of remembrance by bringing an ornament with your loved one's name to the Church Office reception area.

Embracing Hospitality Bible Study Begins this Wednesday, November 29: From 12 pm -1 pm in Thompson Hall, bring your lunch and explore a Biblical approach to using your home to care for others this Advent season. Dr. Ben Sloan will lead this study on November 29, December 6, and December 13.

RSVP by December 3 for EPW's Holiday Social on December 10: All ladies of EPC are invited for a time of fellowship between 3 pm and 5 pm at the Oliver's home. Shuttles will run during the event from the upper Medway lot. To RSVP, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/epw-holidaysocial/.

EPW's Holiday Centerpiece Workshop is December 6 (Thompson Hall): Complete your holiday decor this year with a beautiful centerpiece! All ladies of EPC are invited to a workshop led by Melissa Williams of Dolce Vita Farms. RSVP by November 29: eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-holiday-centerpiece-workshops/

Giving for Homeless No More Outreach: Help families experiencing homelessness by bringing new items to the church reception by December 6 or volunteering at the Holiday Shop on Dec 11. For more information, visit eastminsterpres.org/events/homeless-no-more-outreach/.

Dedicate a Poinsettia to Help Decorate Eastminster for Christmas: Pick up a form in our Welcome Centers and return it with your dedication to Julie McDaniel's attention by December 6 or complete a form online at: eastminsterpres.org/events/poinsettia-dedications/.

Mall to Manger Challenge is December 3-24, 2023: Help purchase Bibles for children in need through Salvation Army by making a donation in honor of a loved one. Please include "M2M" in the memo line of your check, when you make your donation. Cards will be available in Welcome Centers beginning December 3.

Children's Gingerbread House Party is December 13 (5 pm - 7 pm): Families are invited to join Pastor Croskeys in the Gym for pizza and a time of decorating and fellowship.

Carols and Keyboards Dinner and Concert is December 14: Enjoy the sounds of the season featuring 18 hands on pianos and the EPC Chancel Choir. A delicious meal will be served in Thompson Hall prior at 5:45 pm. To RSVP for the meal, visit eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/.

Lessons and Carols is December 17 in the Sanctuary: Join us for worship at 9 am or 11:15 am for holiday hymns.

EPC's Living Nativity is December 17: Come to the Courtyard for one of three shows (5 pm, 6 pm, or 7 pm). A host of little angels, wise men, livestock, and Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus will grace our new stable. Don't miss it!

Seniors Christmas Drop-in is December 19 in the Adult Reception Hall: Stop by between 10 am and 12 pm for Christmas Cheer, music, and fellowship with Eastminster friends.

Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary: We will enjoy blended worship at 10 am (no Sunday School) and three services that evening at 5 pm, 7 pm, and 9 pm.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Mildred Louise Dukes by her grandparents, Tony and Ginger Dukes and Billy and Tam Weatherly.

Flowers in the narthex are in celebration of the baptism of Sophia Elaine Fairey by her blessed parents, Gaston and Jessica, and proud brothers, Miles and Ben Gaston.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 3)	356
Prior Year Pledge Totals:(Week 3)	340

Unison Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: ANN CAMERON AND KIM ANDREWS
 HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (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
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate	Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate	Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist
Bill Collins, Business Manager	Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer	Katie Herndon, Day School Director
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Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V Director	



**EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26, 2023
9:00 AND 11:15 AM**

**3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204**

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

Largo G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The Lord is God; we are God's people.

All: We are the sheep of God's pasture. Let us worship God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns DIADEMATA

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*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 Mildred Louise Dukes *(9 am)*
Sophia Elaine Fairey *(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

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully for you are a gracious king—both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all. We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to hope and to work for justice. We have ignored your face in the stranger. Forgive us, we pray. Gather and direct us, that we may live as your faithful people, seeing as you see, and loving as you love. Receive the prayers of your faithful people as we come to you in silent confession...

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. 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

Rejoice the Lord is King John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted! In thy presence is fullness of joy at Thy right hand there are pleasure forevermore. I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength, my rock, and my fortress and my deliverer. Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwells. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: Shout for joy, ye that are upright in heart. The Lord liveth; and blessed by my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted!

CONGREGATION, PLEASE JOIN THE CHOIR IN SINGING:

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, Rejoice! Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come And take His servants up to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice the Lord is King!

*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** Ann Cameron

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Page 756
Scripture Focus: Matthew 25:31-46 Page 27

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
“Good News for the Flock”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #852**
When the Lord Redeems the Very Least I'LL FLY AWAY

*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
Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET

*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:

Mildred Louise Dukes, son of Laurin and Andrew Dukes, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 9:00 am service. Zack Hudson will offer the baptismal prayer.

Sophia Elaine Fairey, daughter of Gaston and Jessica Fairey, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 11:15 am service. Paternal Grandmother Elaine Fairey will offer the baptismal prayer.

December 3, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith