

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Eastminster's Thornwell Special Offering, Pathways to Prayer: Bless hurting children and families through giving and praying for Thornwell Communities.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are Due Tomorrow by Noon: Return your filled shoeboxes to tables around campus today, or drop them by the Church Office tomorrow by noon! Thank you for supporting the spread of the Gospel.

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

ECAMP for Younger Children (4K & 5K) is tonight: Meet in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for rehearsal. There will be a meal afterwards in the basement. Pick up is at 6:30 pm.

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/.

Carolina vs. Clemson Harvest Hope Food Drive Through November 26: The Food Drive is winding down. It is time to give big for Harvest Hope Food Pantry in the fight against hunger in The Midlands! Next Sunday is the final collection day. Week 5 results: Carolina- 1,179 lbs, Clemson- 686 lbs, and all other schools- 112.

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

EPW's Holiday Centerpiece Workshop is December 6 (Thompson Hall): Complete your holiday decor this year with a beautiful centerpiece! All Eastminster Presbyterian Women are invited to a Holiday Centerpiece Workshop led by Melissa Williams of Dolce Vita Farms. Join for one of two workshops. Each workshop (\$45) is limited to 12 ladies. RSVP by November 29: eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-holiday-centerpiece-workshops/

Dedicate a Poinsettia to Help Decorate Eastminster for Christmas: You will be able to pick up a form in our Welcome Centers next Sunday. Please return the forms with your dedication to Julie McDaniel's attention by December 6.

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: Proceeds from Mall to Manger will go to purchasing Bibles for children in need through The Salvation Army. Make a donation by 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 (beginning December 3) to give to loved ones.

Cornucopia in the Trenholm Road Entrance is given in love and thanksgiving for the lives of Henry and Susan DaVega and in memory of Ellen DaVega by their family, Susan Gibbins, Anita Rownd and Michael DaVega. Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 2)	334
Prior Year Pledge Totals: (Week 2)	319

Unison Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-12

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND CAROLYN STODDARD
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9 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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
- Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
- Bill Collins, Business Manager
- Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer
- Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications
- Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center
- James Cassidy, A/V Director
- Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor
- Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
- Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
- Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist
- Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
- Katie Herndon, Day School Director
- Christy Rippy, Treasurer
- Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 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

Songs of Thanksgiving

KRESMER and ST. GEORGE, arr. H. Willan, H. Gehrke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Isaiah 40)

Leader: Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: **He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Even youths will be weary and fall exhausted;

All: **But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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*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 Lord, Thank you that, in Jesus, you embody love of neighbor, even to the point of loving us. Forgive us our tendency to rationalize the distance we put between ourselves and others. Forgive us our tendency to justify doing little, all the while hoarding time, talent, and treasure for ourselves. Transform us by your loving touch, that we would give generously of our hearts, hands, minds and souls. And let it begin even in this 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 #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. Nicholas P. Demuynck

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 Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke (1941-)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, The fish of the sea. But what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name Transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, Little children praise You perfectly, And so would we. Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name! Alleluia!

Based on Psalm 8

Memorial Handbells, Chancel Choir, and Lucinda Shields, pianist

*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

Unison Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-12

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:25-37

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Go and Do Likewise”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #643

Now Thank We All Our God

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin/Larson

POSTLUDE

All Now Sing Forth in Praise

Edward Broughton

*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.