

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Interested in learning more about Eastminster?** Meet in the Adult Reception Hall, at 10 am on Sundays for The First Step Class. Meet our pastors and learn about the Presbyterian faith and the ministries of Eastminster.

**Men's Fall Retreat is October 6-8 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center:** There are only 6 spots left. Register today at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/)

**Dedication Sunday is October 29:** Join us in giving beyond ourselves and responding to God by glorifying him through the financial gifts he has given us. To submit your 2024 pledge, visit [eastminsterpres.org/pledge](http://eastminsterpres.org/pledge).

**Knowing Our Faith Adult Study Continues Tonight at 5 pm:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall to concentrate on a classic Christian belief. For details, resources, and to purchase a copy of the book, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/](http://eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/).

**Immediate Need for Volunteers for ECAMP:** You can serve by volunteering for ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) on Sunday evenings from 5 -6:30. Serve meals, shepherd children, and help them grow in their faith. To volunteer, contact Fredna at [eastminsterpres.org/people/fredna-lee/](http://eastminsterpres.org/people/fredna-lee/).

**WE@EPC Meals on October 4 at 5:15 pm:** Enjoy Baked Tilapia or a Baked Chicken Thigh, Cauliflower Rice, Roasted Zucchini, Mushrooms & Onions, and Hush Puppies. RSVP by 1 pm on Wednesday at: [eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/](http://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/). Please pay at dinner in Thompson Hall with cash or check.

**Embracing the Wisdom of Israel Adult Bible Study- Wednesdays at 6 pm:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall to study the sovereignty of God by focusing on Scripture's "Wisdom Literature."

**Deposit for The Vine (February 2-4, 2024) is Due October 6:** All Eastminster ladies are invited to the Women's Retreat at The Cove. Ladies will share in the joy of the Lord, led by speaker, Cleere Cherry Reaves. To register, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-the-vine/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-the-vine/)

**The next Seniors Ministry Luncheon is October 8:** Join after worship in the Christian Life Center for food and fellowship. This month's meal will be catered by Lizard's Thicket (\$12). RSVP to Judy Holmes ([judyholmes@yahoo.com](mailto:judyholmes@yahoo.com)).

**The Peace Service is October 8 at 4 pm (Adult Reception Hall):** Those who may be grieving or struggling are invited to the Peace Service for a time of prayer, worship, and communion. This service is led by Eastminster's Care Ministry.

**Give the Gift of Life:** The Christian Life Center Blood Drive is Thursday, October 19, from 8 am - 1 pm, in the Gym. You will soon be able to sign up via [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org).

**Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is October 26:** If you are an empty nester, a retired professional, or just have more time for fellowship these days, plan to join this social group at the Kitchen's house from 7 pm - 9 pm. Sign up soon via the website.

**Eastminster's Annual Fall Festival is October 29 (Field):** Wear your costumes and bring your family and friends to enjoy Trunk or Treat, food trucks, cake walks, Pelican's and more. Save the date to connect with your church family!

**Register for the Advent Retreat in Montreat, NC, December 1-3:** Prepare your heart for the Advent season at this intergenerational conference. The guest pastor is Rev. Ed Black. Register at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/)

**All Youth Winterplace Ski-Trip is January 5-7, 2024:** Save the dates for a great week-end of fellowship and fun for grades 6-12. You will be able to register soon!

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our precious Charles H. Dickerson by his family. **Flowers in the Narthex and Trenholm Road Entrance** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Amanda Dye and Dalton Addy who were married here last night.

## Unison Reading: Genesis 1:27-29

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

<sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food..."

## 2:18-23

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** CHESLEY GOOD AND RYAN BARNES  
**HEAD USHERS:** JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 1, 2023  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

## 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

*The Feast Is Ready*

by Aaron David Miller

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from the hymn “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Leader: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!

People: **O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!**

Leader: All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;

All **Let us Praise God in glad adoration!**

## †\*HYMN OF PRAISE #390

*Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!*

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

(Choir sings once; congregation joins and sings two more times)

## \*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

**Dear Gracious God, your creation produces plenty of food, yet people are starving. Your creation provides access to sufficient raw materials, but people are without adequate shelter. You are a God of peace, of shalom, yet we do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We arm ourselves, not with the self-giving love and life-giving way of Jesus, but with words and weapons and systems that demean and damage. Forgive us, O Master, take our tainted thinking and replace it with your kingdom vision, even in this time of silent prayer...**

## 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 #695

*Change My Heart, O God*

CHANGE MY HEART

**Change my hear, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

## 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

*In the Beauty of Your Holiness*

Cindy Berry

Lord, You alone are holy, In rev'rance I bow to You. Lord, You alone are worthy of praise and honor true. I glory in Your matchless name; I lift my voice in song. You are holy, worthy God. In the beauty of Your holiness, I come to You, Your name to bless. In the beauty of Your holiness I bow to worship You. Lord, You alone are mighty, maker of sky and sea. Lord, You alone are Savior whose blood has set me free. Creator of the universe, Redeemer of my soul, You are Savior, mighty God. Someday soon I'll see You in all Your glory. Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess, “You are Lord!” Amen.

## \*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Chesley Good

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: **Genesis 1:27-29; 2:18-23**

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Scripture Focus: Luke 12:13-21; 32-34

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Mine. All Mine. Or Is it God's: All God's?”

## HYMN OF PREPARATION #508

*Come to the Table*

COME TO THE TABLE

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. \*\*CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The Invitation to the Table of the Lord**

**The Sursum Corda**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto The Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

## COMMUNION MEDITATION #538

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

HALLELUYAH! PELO TSA RONA

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #295

*Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

## \*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 field and until we meet again, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*Te ofrecemos, Now We Offer: Nicaraguan Folk Tune*

arr. Jeffrey Honore

## \*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. Or, scan the QR code in the Friendship Pad and leave your contact information in the digital Connect Card.

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

*Contact the church office at 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.*

## Oct. 8, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“The Greatest Gift. The Strongest Hope”