

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dedication Sunday is October 29: Give beyond yourself and respond to God by glorifying him through the financial gifts he has given you. To submit your 2024 pledge, visit eastminsterpres.org/pledge.

Carolina vs. Clemson Food Drive Starts Today (Through November 26): Gamecock, Tiger, and all football fans can face off to serve a greater cause by donating non-perishable food items for Harvest Hope. Look for your team's bins (blue bins are neutral) in reception areas around the church, the Christian Life Center, and the Day School. Final weigh-in determines the winner.

Operation Christmas Child Outreach Begins Today: Send a gift-filled shoebox in Jesus' Name. Pick up a box from the Parlor, Sunshine Room, or Christian Life Center, fill it with gift items for children overseas, and return the filled box to Eastminster by Sunday, November 19. Thank you, Beth Oliver and family for leading this project.

Knowing Our Faith Adult Study Continues Tonight at 5 pm: Join Dr. Douglass Key (ARH) 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/.

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/.

Be a Bible Doer this Wednesday, October 18: Join on the third Wednesday of the month anytime from 6 am - 8 am at the Oliver's to help prepare food donations for Transitions. For more information, visit eastminsterpres.org/ministries/missions/serve-christ-in-the-community/.

WE@EPC Meals on October 18 at 5:15 pm Menu: Cheese Manicotti with Spaghetti Meat Sauce, Sauteed Squash, Stuffed Mushrooms, and Garlic Bread. RSVP by 1 pm on Wednesday at: eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/. Bring cash or check, please.

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

Serve at Transitions this Thursday, October 19: Donate bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes or serve the meal at Transitions. Drop off donations to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 4 pm or meet at Transitions to serve the meal. To help, contact Alison McGowan at alisonmccgowan11@gmail.com.

Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is October 26: This social group for singles and married couples in their 50s-60s is excited for its Fall Event at the Kitchen's house from 7 pm - 9 pm. RSVP at: eastminsterpres.org/events/lightly-seasoned-fall-social/.

EPC and Trenholm Road UMC's Annual Fall Festival is October 29 (Field): Wear your costumes and bring your family and friends to enjoy Trunk or Treat, Reconciliation Coffee and Pelican's trucks, hot dogs, cake walks, inflatables, a fishing pond, crafts, and more. This is a huge outreach event and we need your help; sign up to volunteer at: eastminsterpres.org/events/fall-festival/.

Register for the Advent Retreat by November 13: Gather at Montreat, NC, December 1-3 for an intergenerational conference led by Rev. Ed Black. Register at: eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/

All Youth Winterplace Ski-Trip is January 5-7, 2024: Save the dates for a great weekend 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 by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Acts 1:1-4

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;

SERMON NOTES



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DEACONS: PARKS BUNCH AND KAREN HUDGENS
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. 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
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

Now, Holy Spirit, We Pray to Thee Chorale Prelude by Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

INTROIT

I've Got Peace Like a River Traditional

Trust In the Lord Ruth Elaine Schram
4K and 5K singers (9 am)
1st-5th Grade singers (11:15 am)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord

People: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: singing joyful songs of praise.

All: Let us worship God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

***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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tenderness and love, breathe Your grace into our lives. Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along Your paths of peace. When we lose our way, and forget our identity as Your children, give us ears to hear Your call. Awaken our hearts, O God, that we would return to You, and let this time of prayer be a first step. Hear our confessions, O Master, in this time of 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 #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.

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

Litany to the Holy Spirit Peter Hurford(1930-2019)

In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress, And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head, And with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drown'd with sleep, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

*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** Bob Staton

*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: Acts 1:1-4

Scripture Focus: Acts 2:43-47

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Holy Spirit in Action”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

*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

Gavotte from French Suite No. 5

J.S. Bach

*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.

October 22, 2023

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan