

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Congregational Meeting Today Immediately Following 9 am Traditional Worship: The purpose will be: to act on the recommendations of the Officer Nominating Committee: to approve Hank Mabry to fill an unexpired Elder term, to approve Drew Walker to fill an unexpired Deacon term, and to approve Jay Hudson to fill a Deacon vacancy in the Class of 2025.

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).

Youth Ski Trip (January 6-8, 2023) Registration Opens Tomorrow at 9 am: Go to "Upcoming Events" on the Homepage of the website. Contact is Bethany Parker (bparker@eastminsterpres.org).

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets This Wednesday (10 am - 11:15 am): Join us in the CLC (Room 265) as we pray and knit for members who may be ill or in need of comfort.

WE@EPC Dinners and Classes on Wednesdays (5 pm - 7:15 pm): Register for meals on our website (<https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/>). Payment (cash or check) will be collected at the door. **MENU:** *Pork Chops, Warm German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, & Cannellini Beans*

Transitions Third Thursday is October 20th: Contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com) to donate pound cake, pasta salad, and bananas (deliver to Church Office/Staff Kitchen by 4 pm) or to serve at Transitions (5 pm).

Family Promise Week is October 23rd-29th: Support guest families with home-cooked meals and gift cards for clothing and grocery expenses. Contact Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) to register.

Peanut Butter Donations for North Star Center of Hope on October 23rd: EPC's donations this month will go to a neighboring non-profit. North Star is a small food pantry that partners with Harvest Hope to help feed the hungry in our community. Thank you for your donations each fourth Sunday.

Complete EPC's Senior Questionnaire (60 years and older) by October 24th: We are planning for a growing segment of our church family. Please visit our website's "Upcoming Events" at the bottom of the homepage (www.eastminsterpres.org) to let us know what your interests are for faith and fellowship.

Lightly Seasoned is October 27th in the Courtyard (7 pm): Join us for food and fellowship under the breezeway! Catch up with friends old and new. Visit "Upcoming Events" to bring an appetizer or a dessert!

Dedication Sunday is October 30th: Be on the lookout for a letter from Stewardship Co-Chairs Will Brownlee and Michael Strong. You can also fill out a pledge card online: <https://eastminsterpres.org/pledge/>.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Services are October 30th (9 am and 11:15 am): To participate in a processional that morning, contact Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org). Plan to be here 15 minutes before worship begins, at either 8:45 am or 11 am that day; flags will be distributed then.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival October 30th (3 pm to 5 pm): Visit "Upcoming Events" and sign up to help! We will partner with Trenholm Road United Methodist for a family-friendly afternoon on the Field with food, inflatables for the kids, Trunk or Treat, a cake walk, a costume parade, and more.

The Vine Women's Retreat: Sign up now for "The Vine," with Rev. Dr. Angela Ford-Nelson returning! The retreat is February 3-5, 2023 and is once again at The Cove. The initial deposit is due by October 31st, and 100% is due by January 2nd, 2023.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Carl Salisbury, Jr. by Alex, Sarah and Hank Dillard.

Unison Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-15

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JULIE MOSS AND JULIE O'NEAL
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
Emmet Hough, Dir. of Christian Life Center

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



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 2022

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we welcome you to the Sanctuary at Eastminster. This is a place set apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.

*“God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

****All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional. This decision, made by the Session, relates to all Eastminster programs and events. In the event you would like a mask, they are available at the Welcome Center.**

PRELUDE

Andante

Thomas Arne

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 37)

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

People: Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

People: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

*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

Collier Elizabeth Gadow *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, our hearts are in the right place much of the time. We do love you and want to please you. But sometimes our need to go our own way takes us over. We bicker, we judge, we withhold, we hurt the ones we love the most. The list is endless. We are embarrassed when we remember the times we followed our own way instead of your way, which is the only way that leads to life and authentic joy. Lord, we pray for your forgiveness and restoration. Hear now our silent prayer...

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

(first time choir; second time congregation)

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 Taize in France

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst/Evanovich

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown-though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Amen!

Text by Michael Perry

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

John Derham

*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
FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Yield Your Hearts to the Lord”

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #724

O Jesus I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

(at the conclusion of the 9 am service)

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

John Lee

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Collier Elizabeth Gadow, daughter of Amber and Ryan Gadow, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. Julie Moss will offer the baptismal prayer.