

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Today is World Communion Sunday: In honor of the ministry partners around the world that EPC supports, flags from these nations are on display in the Sanctuary, the Narthex, and in Thompson Hall until October 16th. This morning in celebration of World Communion during traditional worship, the Chancel Choir will be joined by the AC Flora High School Singers under the direction of Ms. Chelse Lawson.

Congregational Meeting October 9th: Please make every effort to attend the Congregational Meeting on October 9th, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. traditional worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose will be to act on the recommendations of the Officer Nominating Committee for one Elder and two Deacons to fill unexpired terms.

Prayer Cards Are Available in our Welcome Centers on the First Sunday of Each Month: You may also access at (<https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/care/#prayer-cards>). To add someone to our prayer list, contact Sarah Beasley (sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org).

Confirmation Class of 2023 Meets Today at 10 am (CLC Arts & Crafts Room): Ninth graders (and older) 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).

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets This Wednesday (10 am - 11:15 am): Join us in the CLC (Room 265) as we knit for members who may be ill or in need of comfort. We pray together that our shawls will bring healing and joy to the recipients.

WE@EPC Dinners and Classes on Wednesdays (5 pm - 7:15 pm): Register for meals on our website (<https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/>). Payments (cash or check) will be collected at the door. **MENU:** *Pot Roast, Potatoes & Carrots, Roasted Zucchini and Onions, Corn and Rolls.*

Join us for the Peace Service on October 9th at 4 pm (Adult Reception Hall): Come quietly before God in prayer. Join us for The Lord's Supper. Bring a friend who may benefit. Dr. Carol Byrd, Parish Associate for Congregational Care, will lead us.

Learn How to Make Chrismons for Eastminster's Christmas Tree: You can still sign-up for an evening Chrismon Workshop on Oct. 12th at 7 pm. To sign up, please email Carol Anderson at cga1655@gmail.com.

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 sign-up.

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 our website under "Upcoming Events" to sign up to attend and 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 also October 30th (9:00 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, either 8:45 am or 11:00 am that morning. Flags will be distributed then.

Save the Date for the Fall Festival (October 30th): We will partner with Trenholm Road United Methodist for a family-friendly afternoon on the Field. Join us from 3 pm until 5 pm for food and fellowship, inflatables for the kids, Trunk or Treat, a cake walk, costume parades, and more.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rhett Barker by her family, Clint, Alyssa, Jake, and Bill and Patti Barker.

Unison Reading: Exodus 20:1-3

Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: RYAN BARNES AND ELIZABETH ABRAMSON
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) RANDY LIGGITT (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

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Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor

Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry

Josh Evanovich, Organist

Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer

Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 2022

9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 119)

Leader: Oh, how I love your law!

People: It is my meditation all day long.

Leader: I do not turn away from your ordinances,

People: for you have taught me.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,

People: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

All: Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

*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

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You give us your commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old choices. Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us, but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world. Attend to us, Lord of mercy and grace, as we open our penitent hearts before you now in silent confession....

SILENT PRAYER

Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be refined by your grace; may every deed be inspired by your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of your work in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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 Taizé in France

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 ANTHEN

Ukuthula (Peace)

In this broken world of trouble the blood of Jesus flowed so that you could have peace, redemption, praise, faith, victory, and comfort.

Zulu prayer for peace

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Elizabeth Abramson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Sweeter Than Honey”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #526 *(verse 1)*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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 Hymn #526 *(verses 2 & 3)*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #295 *(verses 1-3)*

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!”

POSTLUDE

*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.

*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