

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

Eastminster's Disaster Relief Fund: If you would like to make a donation to communities experiencing devastation from hurricanes this season, please include "Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check, which you may drop in the offering plate or by the Church Office, Attn: Treasurer. You may also donate online. Thank you to those of you who are making donations.

Refreshments of Cookies and Juice: will be available each Sunday at 10 am on the Elementary Sunday School hall, second floor of the Education building. Coffee should be consumed in the Parlor or in the Jubilee Service, but not in the Sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: are here! Send a gift-filled shoebox in Jesus' Name. Pick up a box from the Parlor, Sunshine Room, or Christian Life Center. Then fill it with gift items for children overseas, and return the filled box to Eastminster by November 24. If you have questions, contact Beth Oliver at betholiver2@yahoo.com.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) is Tonight for K4-Fifth Graders:(5 - 6:30 pm.). Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, musical activities and dinner. Don't forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer to help out.

WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, October 23, in Thompson Hall: Join us at 5:15 pm. for dinner before class. MENU: Boneless Pork Chop, Warm German Potatoes, Red Cabbage, & Rolls - *Kids Meal: Hotdogs & Tots.* Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Visit Ministries/Fellowship/WE@EPC Meal RSVP at www.eastminsterpres.org. New Pricing: Children 0-5: FREE, Children 6-9: \$4, and 10+: \$8. There is no household cap. Please pay with cash or check at the door.

Divorce Care for the Holidays on Wednesdays at 6 pm, in the CLC (Room 269): Join others who are experiencing the challenges that divorce can bring, especially during the holidays. Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, Pastor of Care Ministries, this will be a safe place to share and find comfort.

Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is October 24 at the Agees' home, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.: We are couples or singles in our 50's and 60's gathering for fellowship, fun and prayer! RSVP under Upcoming Events, and sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert. Also, bring canned good items to benefit Harvest Hope.

Dedication Sunday is October 27: 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.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Services are October 27 (9 am and 11:15 am): To participate in a procession-al that morning, contact Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org). Plan to be here 15 minutes before worship begins, at either 8:45 am or 11 a.m. in the Narthex; flags will be distributed then.

Fall Festival is October 27 on the Field Across Trenholm: Wear your costumes and join us from 3 - 5 pm. Trunk or Treat, enjoy crafts, inflatables, cake walk and Pelican's Snoballs. This is a family-friendly event in partnership with Trenholm Road UMC. Please sign up to volunteer under Upcoming Events.

Register for The Vine Retreat- February 7-9, 2025, at The Cove: Learn from and be inspired by speaker Niki Hardy, author of titles including, Breathe Again and How to Trust God When You Can't Stop Worrying. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register and make online payments.

She Sings Presents the "Sing, Pray, Love" Concert on October 29: in the Sanctuary. Join us Tuesday at 7 pm for beautiful voices joined in harmony. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise of The Mid-lands.

Grace & Gratitude- Sunday Night Women's Study (November 3, 10 & 17): Led by Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd in the Parlor (5-6:30 p.m.) Our study will be Diana Butler Bass' book, Grateful. Join us as we focus on the transformative power of counting our blessings and believing that "life is the gift."

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the church staff by an Eastminster member. **Flowers in the narthex** are in honor of the marriage of Mills Eaddy and William Woods and in memory of Mrs William Paul Eaddy, Mr. Jerry Lawton Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Gustavous Bell III, and Mr. James Eugene Wood.

UNISON READING: Luke 3:8-16

⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹'Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PEYTON BRYANT AND WILL BREARLEY
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) AND 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
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Louis Shirer, Organist
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications
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James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

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

Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and celebrate, people of God! Let us sing and shout God's praise,

People: **for our Lord comes to us: triumphant and victorious, yet gentle and humble of heart.**

Leader: He comes bringing peace, offering hope and freedom to all who despair.

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God, let us sing praise to our Lord and King!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #620

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*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

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Dear Gracious God, You call us together to be the Church, sisters and brothers united by faith, yet we fall into isolation and division. In Jesus the Christ, you have given all, so that we might love, follow, learn from, and worship you, yet we get stuck in our ways and sideways with one another. You call us to love you and to love our neighbors, yet we prefer our own interests. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, when we fall short of being who you have for us to be, and hear our silent confessions in this silence...

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 #175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Stranger's Guise

Karen Marroli

We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the list'ning place. And with the sacred name, the sacred name of the triune God, he blessed us and our house, and our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: "Often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Celtic Rune of Hospitality

Korcan Köstük, violin

*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.

*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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*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Will Brownlee

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Wonder, Awe and Gratitude”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*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

Scherzo from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

*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 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. Our next class will begin September 22, 2024 in the Adult Reception Hall.

October 27, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith