

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Drop off donations in the bins around campus. October donations go to North Star Center for Hope. Thank you for joining the fight against hunger in The Midlands.

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.

Fill a Shoebox! Operation Christmas Child Outreach: 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 to Beth Oliver and family for leading this project.

Carolina vs. Clemson Harvest Hope Food Drive Through November 26: Gamecock, Tiger, and all football fans can face off to serve a greater cause by donating non-perishable food items. Find your team's bins (blue bins are neutral) in reception areas around campus. WEEK 1 Results: Carolina 181 lbs, Clemson 109 lbs, and Neutral 2 lbs. Final weigh-in determines the winner.

Immediate Need for Volunteers for ECAMP: Volunteer on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30. Serve meals, shepherd children, and help them grow in their faith. To help, contact Fredna at eastminsterpres.org/people/fredna-lee/.

WE@EPC Meals on October 25 at 5:15 pm Menu: Boneless Pork Chop, Warm German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, and Rolls. 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."

Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is This Thursday, 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 food 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/.

AC Flora Sunday is November 5 (11:15am): Join us for Jubilee Worship in Thompson Hall in honor of the AC Flora Football program. We'll welcome players, coaches, and AC Flora families for this annual worship celebration.

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/

Volunteer at the Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse on December 4: Sort incoming gifts, assemble gift bags, organize bicycles, arrange canned food items, and more! Volunteers are needed on December 4, 2023; to volunteer, visit: eastminsterpres.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/f9b0e0d5-2fc1-4a5d-a73b-d7303c75fc91

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 on November 6th!!

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Marilyn Stradtman by her family.

Unison Reading: Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: MARY MCCANTS AND RYAN BARNES
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (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
James Cassidy, A/V Director	

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 22, 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

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

BEECHER, arr. D. Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This Lord's Day is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: For where two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

People: **there He is in the midst of them.**

ALL: **Let us worship together the living God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #310

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

ST. THOMAS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyck

*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

Bennett Todd Snell *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we label, we alienate each other, we gossip. We need your Spirit to bring us together. Lord, we fuss, we criticize, we harm the body of Christ. We need your Spirit to bring us together. Lord, we elevate ourselves, we tear down others, we fail to lift you up. We need your Spirit to help our focus be on you so we may be built up for you. Have mercy on us, forgive our divisiveness, knit us together.

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 #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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

Witness

Jack Halloran (1916-1997)

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines. Then old Samson went a wandr'in about. Samson's strength was never found out. 'Til his wife sat upon his knee, she said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please." Well old Samson's wife she talk so fair Samson said, "Cut off a-my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord. There's another witness for my Lord!

*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

Ryan Barnes

*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: Psalm 133

Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Not a Frankenstein Body”

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*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

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS, arr. D. Bish

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Bennett Todd Snell, son of Parker and Leslie Snell, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 9:00 am service. Leigh Pound will offer the baptismal prayer.

October 29, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith