

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Once a Quarter, Peanut Butter Sunday Donations will go to North Star Center of Hope: North Star is a neighboring non-profit and small food pantry that partners with Harvest Hope to help feed the hungry in our community. Thank you for your donations each fourth Sunday.

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

Fill out EPC's Senior Questionnaire (60 years and older) by Tomorrow: We are currently 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) and let us know what your interests are for faith and fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Are Here: Pick up a shoebox in the Narthex, Adult Reception Hall, or lobbies of the Education Building and CLC; fill your shoebox with gifts for a girl or boy. Please return shoeboxes to the Narthex by November 20th. Include a check for \$10/box made out to Samaritan's Purse. Our goal is to fill 300 boxes! Contact Beth Oliver to help (betholiver2@yahoo.com).

Register for The Advent Retreat (December 2nd - 4th) Black Mountain: Please visit our website's "Upcoming Events" at the bottom of the homepage (www.eastminsterpres.org) to sign up. More details to come from the Membership & Outreach ministry.

The Vine Women's Retreat: Sign up now for next year's "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 Monday, October 31st, and 100% is due by January 2, 2023.

WE@EPC Dinners 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:** *Petite Beef Medallions, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Buttered Carrots, and Rolls.*

Lightly Seasoned is October 27th in the Courtyard at 7 pm: Join us for food and fellowship under the breezeway! Catch-up with friends old and new. Visit "Upcoming Events" to RSVP and to sign-up 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, 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.

She Sings Concert, "Songs of Faith, Hope, and Love," is November 1st: Join us at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a special performance by this community choral group. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated and will benefit Sistercare; our Mission, Service, & Benevolence ministry has committed to matching the money raised for Sistercare.

Sign up to Serve at the Potato Drop on November 5th: Save the date for an intergenerational day of service as we go through potatoes determining which are "keepers" and safe to deliver to local food banks. You can sign up under "Upcoming Events" on our website.

Falcon Sunday is November 6th at 11:15 am (Jubilee Worship): Join us for worship in Thompson Hall as we celebrate AC Flora's football program and community ministry.

Donate Goodies or Serve at Transitions on Christmas Day: Contact Alison for details (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the EPC staff by Susan and Franklyn Owen.

Unison Reading: Psalm 51:10-19

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

¹⁹then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: MICHAEL STRONG AND RYAN BARNES
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 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. Demuyne, 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
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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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 2022

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Memorial Handbells

arr. Lloyd Larsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 51)

Leader: Create in me a clean heart O God,

People: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me from your presence

People: Or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

People: and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(11:15 am)*

*STATEMENT OF FAITH *(Unison)*

(from 1 Corinthians 15)

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. 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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. O God, have mercy on us. We are quick to justify ourselves, and slow to heed you. Forgive our self-centeredness, and help us to focus our hearts on you, the living God who gave us life, sustains our lives, and promises us forgiveness and eternal life by your grace.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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

Lord, My God, Hear Now My Pleading

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lord, my God, hear now my pleading, turn your gracious ear to me. As I ask of you, my helper, nevermore my sins to see. Will my sins forever hold me? Must I bow before my fear? Weak and helpless, I beseech you let your grace be always near.

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

THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS
FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Ryan Barnes

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: 2 Samuel 11

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“In Giving...Let Grace Be Your Guide”

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #442

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

(congregation, please be seated for the response to the benediction)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin/Larsen

*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.