

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is Dedication Sunday: Give beyond yourself and respond to God by glorifying him through the financial gifts he has given you. To submit your 2024 pledge online, visit eastminsterpres.org/pledge.

Join us for EPC's and TRUMC's Fall Festival Today on the 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. Thanks to all of our volunteers; if you didn't sign up, but still want to volunteer, meet us on the Field.

There will be no Children's or Youth Sunday evening programming tonight. Join us for Fall Festival!

Fill a Shoebox! Operation Christmas Child Outreach: Send a gift-filled shoebox in Jesus' Name to children overseas. Pick up a box from the Parlor, Sunshine Room, or Christian Life Center, fill it with gift items, 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 2 Results: Carolina 141 lbs., Clemson 238 lbs., and Other Schools 0 lbs. Cumulative: Carolina-322 lbs., Clemson-347 lbs., Other Schools-2 lbs. Final weigh-in determines the winner.

WE@EPC Meals on October 25 at 5:15 pm Menu: Orange Chicken, Coconut Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables & Eggrolls. 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."

AC Flora Sunday is November 5 (11:15 am): 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.

Middle School Family Game Night is November 12: Parents, please join us from 5-6:30 pm in the Christian Life Center for a night of fun and "Minute to Win It" games. Be on the lookout for texts from Emily Higgins with further details.

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! To sign up to volunteer, visit: eastminsterpres.org/events/salvation-army-christmas-warehouse-service-day/.

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 by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Psalm 105:1-5

¹O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

SERMON NOTES

OFFICERS: JASON BURBAGE AND TERESA SHELTON
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY (9 AM) BILL STALLINGS (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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate

Bill Collins, Business Manager

Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer

Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications

Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor

Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry

Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist

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 29, 2023
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

Light Divine, Chorale Prelude

by Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

People: Bring him an offering and come before him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

ALL: Tremble before him all the earth. Let us worship the Lord, our God!!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

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

Loving and gracious God, we know that you are the essence of love. When we love others and ourselves, we see and feel a glimpse of your holy, divine love. And yet fear, stubbornness, and selfishness hold us back from so many opportunities to share your love with others. Forgive us, Lord, for withholding that which is most precious to you. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us open our hearts to forgive and love all your children. Hear us in these moments of silent prayer, as we open our hearts to you...

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 #702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

- 1. Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.**
- 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, Shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**
- 3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

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

In the Year That King Uzziah Died

David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; With twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; And he laid it upon my mouth and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.

Isaiah 6:1-8

*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

Jason Burbage

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“The Greatest Story Ever Lived”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

When an usher releases your pew, everyone is asked to come forward, bringing your offering and/or commitment cards and placing them in the baskets. Everyone should return to their pews using the side aisles. Those who are not able to come forward may raise their hand and ushers will gladly assist you. For your convenience extra commitment cards are in the Friendship Registers. If you are a visitor or otherwise do not have a pledge card to bring forward, we ask you to please come forward anyway and we invite you to respond to God's saving grace by committing yourself afresh as you walk forward. Everyone doing this will also permit an unimpeded flow along the pews. Thank you.

LITANY OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Deacon: We are members together of Christ's Body in this place. Touched by God's redeeming hand in Jesus Christ and transformed by the Holy Spirit, we gratefully respond by committing our first-fruits and our lives this day.

People Thanking God for the equipping, encouraging and outreach we have through this community of faith, we give of ourselves and our substance to nurture the life of this congregation and assist its growth in mission and ministry to God's world.

All: Accept these pledges as tokens of the life, labor and love of this congregation, offered to the glory of God and for the work of Christ's church in the world.

*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

Festive Scherzo

by Malcom Archer

*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.

November 5, 2023

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith