

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Today is World Communion Sunday:** To honor the missionaries that Eastminster supports in 15 different countries, flags of those nations will be on display in the Sanctuary, the Narthex, and Thomson Hall for the next week.

**Sundays@5 Adult Evening Class Led by Dr. Douglass Key is Tonight:** a church-wide Fall study on Rick Lawrence's book, *Editing Jesus*. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). A repeat class will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in Room E-357.

**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, and musical activities followed by dinner. Don't forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer.

**EPW's The Vine Retreat is February 7-9, 2025, at The Cove:** Enjoy time away in a beautiful, spiritual setting for study, fellowship, and delicious meals. 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*. Save the dates and join us. The initial nonrefundable payment (\$100) is due October 7 to the Church Office. Registration available soon via our website.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Request for Clean-up Buckets:** This is a great way for youth and seniors, Small Groups and families to help out. Visit our website's Upcoming Events (October 9) to see the list of cleaning items. Bring items to Hurricane Relief bins (Church Office, Sunshine Room, CLC) or meet us on October 9, in the CLC Gym to assemble buckets from 5—5:30 pm. Your donations and/or help assembling will be greatly appreciated.

**WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, October 9, in Thompson Hall:** Join us at 5:15 pm for dinner before class. MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Mixed Vegetables & Rolls - Kids Meal: Meatloaf. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Visit Ministries/Fellowship/WE@EPC Meal RSVP at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org). New Pricing: Children 0-5: FREE, Children 6-9:\$4.00, and 10+:\$8. There is no household cap. Please pay with cash or check at the door.

**WE@EPC Classes Resume on Wednesday:** Bible 101 meets at 6 pm in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH), and the Parenting Class meets in Rooms 271-273 (CLC).

**Recruiting for CHAMPS (Communities Helping & Assisting Motivating Promising Students):** Are you a leader with a passion for making a meaningful impact? Join our steering committee or parent council. CHAMPS is a dynamic, growing program dedicated to empowering underserved youth to reach their fullest potential. If you are interested, please contact Stan Holland, Dir. ([sholland@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sholland@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Invitation to Change (ITC) will Resume Meeting on October 10:** ITC is a community that welcomes family and friends of those struggling with substance abuse issues. We will now meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, October 10 and October 24. Contact Susan Ratteree ([emilyd@sc.rr.com](mailto:emilyd@sc.rr.com)) with questions.

**Middle School Lock-Out is this Friday, October 11:** from 7 pm Friday until 7 am on Saturday morning. See GroupMe Texts from Emily Higgins, Director of MS Youth. Drop-off/pick-up in the CLC parking lot.

**The Peace Service is October 13, at 4 pm, in the Adult Reception Hall:** for folks seeking a contemplative worship experience. Come and join in a time of quiet prayer and communion with God.

**Prayer, Song, and Communion on the Front Lawn, October 13th at 4 pm:** Our October Peace Service will be held outdoors, all are welcome to come and join in a time of prayer for those who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like, and let's gather together in worship and prayer.

**Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is October 24 at the Agee's, from 7 -9 pm:** We are couples or singles in our 50s and 60s 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.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our precious Charles H. Dickerson by his family.

## UNISON READING: Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER  
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**DEACONS:** CHESLEY GOOD AND MARY MCCANTS  
**HEAD USHER:** JOSH ARD (9:00) AND SCOT SEIGLER(11:15)

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## MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

### STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor  
Rev. 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  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Rev. 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
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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

*Le Banquet céleste*

Olivier Messiaen

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has searched us and known knows our hearts.

**People: Even before a word is on our tongue, our God knows it completely.**

Leader : Such knowledge is too wonderful for us;

**People: It is so high that we cannot grasp it.**

Leader: How weighty are God's thoughts, how vast his plans and purposes.

**People: Let us worship God!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### \*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

**O God our refuge, through Christ, you have reconciled all things to yourself by making peace through the blood of his cross. Yet we confess that we are easily distracted from the hope promised by your gospel, your glory once hidden and now revealed in Christ. We seek simple answers and easy shortcuts to the life of discipleship for which you have prepared us. Hear our prayers and receive our repentance as we come before you in silence...**

(Silent confession)

**Forgive us, O God, and let not your Word go unheeded. Give us hearts to receive all that you say, and make us eager to do all that you ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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!**

## 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

*Ukuthula*

Arr. Andre van der Merwe

In this sinful world through the blood of Jesu, we find peace! We are saved! We are filled with gratitude! We will conquer! We are consoled!

Traditional Zulu Gospel

Alex Thompson, alto

## 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

Chesley Good

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Luke 10:38-42

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

“Not Just Any Dinner Guest ”

\*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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## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Have Thine Way, Lord*

- 1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me After thy will, While I am waiting, Yielded and still.**
- 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search and try me, Master today! Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, As in thy presence Humbly I bow.**
- 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray! Power, all power Surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.**
- 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold e'er my being Absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit Till all shall see Christ only always, Living in me.**

## 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

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #735

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

NEED

## \*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

*Poco vivace*

Hermann Schroeder

## \*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.*

## October 13, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith