

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

Seniors Ministry Luncheon Today after 11:15 am Worship: Gather in the Christian Life Center for food and fellowship. The delicious meal is being catered by Lizard's Thicket; please bring \$12. Thank you to our host, Judy Holmes.

The Peace Service is Today at 4 pm Adult Reception Hall (ARH): Those who may be grieving or struggling are invited for a time of prayer, worship, and communion. This service is led by Eastminster's Care Ministry.

Knowing Our Faith Adult Study Continues Tonight at 5 pm: Join Dr. Douglass Key (ARH) to concentrate on a classic Christian belief. For details, resources, and to purchase a copy of the book, visit: eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/.

Immediate Need for Volunteers for ECAMP: You can serve by volunteering for ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30. Serve meals, shepherd children, and help them grow in their faith. To volunteer, contact Fredna at eastminsterpres.org/people/fredna-lee/.

EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 am: All EPC Ladies are invited to Thompson Hall for fellowship and a devotional.

WE@EPC Meals on October 11, at 5:15 pm Menu: Beef Tips with Mushroom Gravy, Steamed Broccoli 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."

Carolina vs. Clemson Food Drive October 15 - November 26: Gamecock and Tiger Fans can face off to serve a greater cause by participating in a competitive food drive collecting non-perishable food items benefitting Harvest Hope. The amount of weight wins the challenge. Drop your donations at the reception area of the church, the Christian Life Center, or in the Day School; just look for the Garnet/Black or Orange bins, and if you're a neutral giver, look for the blue bin.

Be a Bible Doer on October 18: Join on the third Wednesday of the month anytime from 6 am - 8 am at the Oliver's to help prepare food donations for Transitions (Oct. 19).

Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is 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, food trucks, cake walks, inflatables, fishing pond, crafts and more. Sign up to volunteer at: eastminsterpres.org/events/fall-festival/.

Register for the Advent Retreat by November 17: 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/

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 soon!

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rhett Barker by her family, Clint, Alyssa, Jake, and Bill and Patti Barker. Flowers in the Trenholm Road entrance are given in honor of the marriage of Lucy Wardlaw and Jon Chandler Tolson on Saturday evening.

Unison Reading: Romans 5:18-21

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: ADAM HEGLER AND KATHY WINTERHALTER (9 AM) SUSAN RATTEREE (11:15)
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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

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Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate

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



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 8, 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

Suite in D Major

attributed to Leonardo Vinci

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.**

Leader: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

All: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #634

To God Be the Glory

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*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Linwood Cecil Trail *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482 (verses 1 & 2)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Dear Gracious God, in Jesus the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, you died on the cross that we might be forgiven. But in response we are often quick to judge, critique and criticize other people, especially those who are different than us. Forgive us. In Jesus, you set us free to love you and neighbor, yet we blindly shackle ourselves to possessions, pride and pettiness. Forgive us, O Master, take our tainted thinking and replace it with your kingdom vision, even in this time of 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 #695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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 Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

John 1:1-3

*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

Adam Hegler

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 Gift. The Strongest Hope"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*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

Postlude

M. Hilarion Eslava

*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:

Linwood Cecil Trail, son of Matt and Jane Marie Trail, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 9 am service. Adam Hegler will offer the baptismal prayer.

October .15, 2023

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"The Spirit of Holiness"