

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Installation and Welcome Reception for Rev. Emily Mooneyhan:** Today, during the 11:15 am Traditional Worship Service, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, will be installed. After worship, everyone is invited to the Gym for a Welcome Reception.

**Today is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Thank you for your fourth Sunday monthly donations. Peanut butter will be delivered to Harvest Hope Food Bank.

**The First Step Class Began This Morning:** Interested in membership? Meet us in the Adult Reception Hall at 10 am on Sundays to learn about the Presbyterian faith, EPC Pastors, and EPC ministries.

**Knowing Our Faith Adult Study is Tonight at 5 pm:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall to concentrate on a classic Christian belief. For details, resources, and to purchase a copy, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/](http://eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/).

**A Bible Study for Women:** On Sundays from 5 pm - 6 pm, all ladies are invited to join Marsha Moseley and Jane Shuler in Room 356 of the Education Building for a Bible study focusing on Daniel's visions. This Bible study began last week and is a five-week study.

**SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) for 1st-5th Grade is Tonight:** Join Croskeys from 5 pm - 6:30 pm for a devotion, crafts, pizza (\$3), and games. Drop off in Thompson Hall, and pick up in the CLC Gym. Volunteers needed; reach out to Croskeys if you can volunteer.

**ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program):** K4 & K5 singers will still meet tonight from 5 pm - 6:30 pm for Bible Study, rehearsal, and dinner (Sanctuary basement). Elementary singers should attend SWAG.

**WE@EPC Meals on September 27 at 5:15 pm:** Enjoy Pork Carnitas, Cilantro Lime Rice, Roasted Tomatoes, Peppers & Onions, and Corn Bread. RSVP by 1 pm on Wednesday at: [eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/](http://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/). Please pay at dinner in Thompson Hall with cash or check.

**Join the Alpha Class on Wednesdays at 6 pm:** Learn the basics of Christianity through Alpha! A reminder that class participants do not need to sign in and can just proceed to the buffet line for dinner.

**Embracing the Wisdom of Israel Adult Bible Study- Wednesdays at 6 pm:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) to study the sovereignty of God by focusing on Scripture's "Wisdom Literature."

**Dave Ramsay's Financial Peace Class Wednesdays at 6 pm:** Join George McCutchen in Room 357 of the Education Building to learn how to eliminate debt and learn new behaviors that are founded on commitment and accountability. To register, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/events/financial-peace-wednesday-night-class/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/financial-peace-wednesday-night-class/)

**World Communion Sunday is October 1.**

**Men's Fall Retreat is Oct 6-8 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center:** Escape with purpose, find refreshment through outdoor activities, and enjoy good food, fellowship, worship, and messages of conviction. Register today at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/).

**Deposit for The Vine is Due October 6:** All Eastminster ladies are invited to share in the joy of the Lord through stories, inspiration, music, laughter, prayer, good food, and the beauty of The Cove from February 2-4 at the Women's Retreat. The speaker is Cleere Cherry Reaves. To register, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-the-vine/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-the-vine/)

**Register for the Advent Retreat in Montreat, NC:** December 1-3, prepare your heart for the Advent season at this intergenerational conference. The guest pastor is Rev. Ed Black. Register at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/)

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Guy Lewis and in honor of grandson Dylan Lewis by Octavia, Patrick and Christina, Andrew and Andrea Lewis.

**Unison Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.**

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** SHANNON MCCUTCHEN AND MARY MCCANTS  
**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

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| 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        | Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate       |
| Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry         | 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                    |  |



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
9:00 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

*To God Be the Glory* setting by Joel Raney

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise God, creator of all that is.

**People: Let us praise Christ, blessed redeemer.**

Leader: Let us praise Spirit, sustaining breath of life.

**People: Three in one and one in three. Holy mystery.**

**All Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #157

*I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

## \*THE NICENE CREED *(Unison)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Bridget Leigh Hegler

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #482 (verses 1 & 2)

*Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father of Love, lover of all living: you created the heavens and the earth, making everything good—even glorious. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, our Savior: you have made us your brothers and sisters and commissioned us to bear your name out into the world. Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide: you enlighten us with wisdom to know what is right and humility to make this confession: that we have been poor stewards of the earth, clumsy and spiritless disciples, unjust in our dealings with others, divided in our witness and devotion to you. Forgive us, triune God. By your grace and love and fellowship make of us new creations who are good and pleasing in your sight, as we lift our silent confessions before you now...**

## 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 Dr. 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

*Be Thou My Vision* Skip Stradtman

## \*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

## \*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Mary McCants

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9** Page 679  
Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Page 158

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"Knowing the Triune God" Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #100

*My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout* STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

## \*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

*Voluntary on Westminster Abbey* by Henry Purcell, arr. K. Lee Scott

## \*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:

Bridget Leigh Hegler, daughter of Kaleigh and Adam Hegler, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 11:15 am service. Parks Bunch will offer the baptismal prayer.

## October 1, 2023

Rev. Bradley D. Smith