

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Welcome to Servant Leadership Sunday:

Please stay for a congregational meal honoring eight first responders from our community. Cookies for First Responders will also be delivered this afternoon. If you brought cookies, please drop them off in the CLC lobby after worship.

Sundays@5 Begins Tonight:

Journey Through the Bible, our church-wide study, will be led by Dr. Douglass Key in Room E-357. You may register via “Upcoming Events” (www.eastminsterpres.org).

ECAMP (EPC Children’s Afternoon Music Program) begins Tonight

(5 pm-6 pm): Visit www.eastminsterpres.org “Upcoming Events” to sign your child up and to volunteer to help with meals.

Sunday and Wednesday Night Fellowship and Bible Study for Youth:

Join us tonight in the CLC for Youth Group (5 pm - 6:30 pm), and on Wednesday, we’ll meet in the CLC for dinner followed by boys and girls break-out study sessions (7 pm - 8:30 pm). See GroupMe texts from Bethany and Pastor Nick for more details.

WE@EPC Dinners and Classes begin this Wednesday, September 14th,

(5 pm - 7:15 pm): Register for meals under the Fellowship Menu/WE@EPC RSVP on our website (www.eastminsterpres.org). Payments (cash or check) will be collected at the door. Menu: Pork Tenderloin with Mushroom Brie Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Succotash, Green Beans, and Rolls. After dinner, join Dr. Douglass Key (6 pm - 7:15 pm) in Room E-357, for a Journey Through the Bible. You may also register for class under Upcoming Events on our website.

Alpha Kick-off is also on September 14th at *5:30 pm (Thompson Hall): The Alpha Course is a 10-week series that explores the Christian faith. Dinner and child-care provided. Visit our website to register. (*The food line opens at 5 pm.)

Sign up for EPC’s Youth Basketball League on EPC’s Website:

Visit www.eastminsterpres.org “Upcoming Events” to sign up your second through twelfth grader. If you have questions, contact Emmet Hough, Director of the CLC, at ehough@eastminsterpres.org.

Introducing MSB’s “Bible Doers” Serving on Wednesdays: Come one and all. Meet us at the Oliver’s (3401 Heatherwood Road 29205) anytime between 6 — 8 am for walk/fellowship hour followed by Bible Doin’ hour. You can serve each Wednesday or any Wednesday that works, and coffee will always be available. We hope to grow this group so invite a friend. Contact Beth (803) 622-5384 or Hampton Oliver (803) 513-1412 to learn more or sign up.

Be a Bradley Lunch Buddy: Meet us at Bradley Elementary on Tuesdays (12:10 pm - 1 pm). You will be paired with the same student each meeting. Confirmed dates are 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1 & 11/15 with more to come in December. There are still about 30 students who need mentors. Contact Rebekah Gaston to help (rgaston@eastminsterpres.org).

Sign up now (website) for EPW’s Fall Gathering on Sept. 20th, 11:30 am in Thompson Hall: This event kicks off EPW’s plans for the women of the church. Regina will be preparing a meal (\$7) of chicken salad stuffed tomato, grapes, cheese straws, and pumpkin mousse parfait. We are excited to welcome guest speaker Rev. Rachel Smith Fitch, daughter of Pastor Brad and Nancy. She will lead us in the first lesson in our Horizon’s Bible Study and will share some of her story with us. Join us!

Interested in Learning More about Membership at Eastminster?

Take the First Step Class beginning September 25th in Room E-357 of the Education Building. Contact Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) for more information.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Lewis Helms by her family.

Unison Reading: Genesis 6:5-13

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, “I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD. ⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

¹³And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PERRY CROSTHWAITE AND LEIGH POUND
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 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. Nicholas P. Demuyne, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth
Bill Collins, Business Manager
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Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor
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Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Emmet Hough, Dir. of Christian Life Center

Alex Rogers, Director of Plant Operations



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM.

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(selected from Psalms 46:1-7)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

All: **Let us come into God's presence with singing.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

*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 4K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cooper Fields Reabold *(11:15 am)*

Jackson Martin Reabold *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. You provide a vision of a world filled with justice and kindness, but we're busy looking out for ourselves. We fill our ears with idle chatter, but turn a deaf ear to your call to costly discipleship. Forgive us our indifference to the suffering of others. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, even as we confess our sins in this silence...

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 #415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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 MUSIC

Serve the Lord

Rollo Dilworth

Based on Psalm 100:2-4 and The Doxology

DOXOLOGY #649 *(vs. 1 & 4)*

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

*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

Perry Crosthwaite

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Covenant In a Time of Convenience”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #738

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

MARYTON

*CHARGE

*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

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Cooper Fields Reabold and Jackson Martin Reabold, sons of Emma and Geoff Reabold, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. Caleb Gaston will offer the baptismal prayer.

Sept. 18, 2022

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith