

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prayer Cards are Available in our Welcome Centers and Online.

There is no Regular Sunday Evening Programming Tonight.

75th Anniversary Casebound Books are Available Today: Stop by the book table (Thompson Hall and breezeway) between 8:45 am and 10:15 am to purchase your commemorative book (cash or check only, please). You may also stop by the Church Office during the week to purchase a copy.

Eastminster will be Closed Tomorrow for the Labor Day Holiday: To reach a pastor even when the church offices are closed, please call (803) 256-1654 for directions on how to reach the on-call pastor.

Alpha Leader Training and Event Kickoff September 6 & 13: Learn the basics of the Christian faith through discussion. Leaders meet on September 6, and the class begins on September 13. Register at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/alpha-course/>.

The Small Groups Kickoff Dinner is September 7: All current and interested Small Group participants are invited to Thompson Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm for dinner and a message from special guest, Lisa Allen with Proverbs 31 Ministries. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/small-group-kickoff-dinner/>. If you are interested in joining a Small Group this fall, contact Caroline Bennett ext. 124.

Early Bird Registration for Advent Retreat ends Saturday, September 9: The Advent Retreat is an intergenerational conference that will take place at Montreat Conference Center December 1-3. The guest pastor is Rev. Ed Black. Register at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/>

***Knowing Our Faith Adult Studies Begin Next Sunday, September 10:** Join Dr. Douglass Key for Sundays@5 in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). Each week we will concentrate on a classic Christian belief. You may buy a *copy online at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=fbcdd37c-08d9-4041-9aef-dfa51b48f31e>.

WE@EPC Meals Kick Off on Wednesday, September 13 (Dine-in Only): MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Squash Casserole, and Rolls. Prices: Adults \$8, Children (0-8) \$4, no Household Cap. Please RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/>. Please pay in Thompson Hall with cash or check.

Eastminster Presbyterian Women's (EPW) Fall Gathering is September 14: All ladies are invited to join from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Thompson Hall for fellowship, a meal, and a message from Eastminster's new pastor for Congregational Care, Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, as well as to learn about the women's ministry 2023-2024 calendar year.

Greeter Training is September 17: from 10 am - 11 am in the parlor. To sign up, contact Lib Foster- lfoster@eastminsterpres.org.

Don't Miss Guest Artist, Mary Burkett, on September 19: "Beloved Children of the Holocaust Portraits" at 10 am, in Thompson Hall- hosted by Seniors' Ministry. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/mary-burkett-event-beloved-children-of-the-holocaust/>

Men's Fall Retreat is Oct 6-8 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center: Enjoy good food, fellowship, and messages of conviction. The Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod is the speaker. Only 25 spots remain. RSVP at: <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/>.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 29:10-14

¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DOLORES LONG, KATHY WINTERHALTER, ADAM HEGLER
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD AND RANDY LIGGITT
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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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
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Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer	Katie Herndon, Day School Director
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
10:15 AM

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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

There Is a Balm in Gilead African American spiritual, arr. Johannes Matthias Michel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
People: Let us go to the house of the Lord!
Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say
People: “Peace be within you.”
Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
All: I will seek your good

†***HYMN OF ADORATION** *(see insert)*
Showers of Blessing D.W. Whittle

***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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.
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 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
Deep River Norman Luboff
Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel feast that promised land where all is peace. Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

***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** Kathy Winterhalter

*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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Jeremiah 29:10-14 Page 687
Scripture Focus: Luke 12:22-32 Page 70

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan
"To Be a Seeker"

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #705**
You Are Holy YOU ARE HOLY

***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
Mozart hymn tune arr. David Lasky

***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.

September 10, 2023
Rev. Bradley D. Smith