

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Prayer Cards are Available in our Welcome Centers:

Stop by and pick one up or view online so you can pray for Eastminster members. To add a member to our prayer list, contact Sarah Beasley at sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org.

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Bible Study for Youth: On Wednesdays, 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.

Introducing MSB's "Bible Doers" Serving on Wednesdays Beginning September 7th: Come one and all. Meet us at the Oliver's anytime between 6 am and 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.

Memorial Handbells and Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, September 7th: Bells at 6 pm and Choir at 7:15 pm. All are welcome. Please contact Fredna Lee with any questions at flee@eastminsterpres.org.

Our Small Group Kick-off Dinner is this Thursday, September 8th (5:30 pm - 7 pm): Current Small Group members and anyone interested should join us in Thompson Hall for a delicious meal (Seafood Paella) and hear from guest speaker and child of Eastminster, Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson. Register on our website under "Upcoming Events."

Servant Leadership Sunday and Luncheon is September 11th: Worship with us and stay for a congregational meal honoring first responders. Cookies for First Responders will also be delivered that afternoon. To sign up to bake or deliver cookies, contact Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org).

ECAMP (EPC Children's Afternoon Music Program): ECAMP begins September 11th, from 5 pm - 6pm. Visit www.eastminsterpres.org "Upcoming Events" to sign up your child, and to volunteer to help with meals.

Sundays@5 begins September 11th: Dr. Douglass Key will lead a Bible Study in Room E-357. Register via Upcoming Events (www.eastminsterpres.org).

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).*Note the time change from the previous announcement.

WE@EPC Dinners and Classes begin September 14th (5 pm - 7:15 pm): Register for meals under the Fellowship Menu/WE@EPC RSVP on our website. Payments (cash or check) will be collected at the door. After dinner, join Dr. Douglass Key (6 pm - 7:15 pm) in Room E-357, for a Journey Through the Bible. Register via Upcoming Events (www.eastminsterpres.org).

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

Sign up now (website) for EPW's Fall Gathering on Sept. 20th, 11:30 am in Thompson Hall: The Fall Gathering 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 this year 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 in loving memory of Rankin Suber Morrison Craig by her family.

Unison Reading: Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND KATHY WINTERHALTER
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00AM) RANDY LIGGITT (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
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

9:00 AND 11:15 A.M.

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

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

Morning Fanfare David Blackwell
All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Paul Manz

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.

People: **He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs.**

Leader: Let the whole world fear the Lord.

People: **Let everyone stand in awe of Him.**

All: **For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

***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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are reminded today that You created the world, everything in it, and each of us, and declared that ‘It was good’. So often as we reflect on our lives, there are times we do not feel that way. We find ourselves following the ways of this world instead of You. We find our hearts straying from Your commands, and we seek the approval of others far more than we seek our connection to Your will for us. Gracious Father, we come before You this day acknowledging that we have sinned. Give us the courage to confess and the humility to embrace Your forgiveness. Hear us now as we silently lift to You our personal confessions...

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

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

You Are My God and King Tom Fettke
Based on Psalm 145

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
FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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

SERMON

“In the Beginning...” Rev. Brian J. Marsh

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*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

Marche Sortie Theodore Dubois

*A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP



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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.

September 11, 2022

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith