

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome Guest Preacher Ron Hall: Ron Hall is an international art dealer whose long list of regular clients includes many celebrity personalities. He is the writer and producer of the Paramount Pictures film, *Same Kind of Different As Me*. An MBA graduate of Texas Christian University, he and his wife Beth divide their time between Dallas, New York, and their Brazos River ranch near Fort Worth.

Missions Opportunity: A refugee family is relocating to the Columbia, SC area. Eastminster is looking to put a team together that will serve as a support system to this family. If you are interested in being part of the team, contact Rev. Brian Marsh, bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org.

Eastminster's Footcare Ministry: After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Eastminster Footcare Ministry is back in action and needs volunteers. This ministry provides footcare to homeless individuals on Tuesdays for an hour and a half. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lib Foster, libfoster@aol.com

Tonight is the last Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program (ECAMP): K4 -Fifth graders- please join us in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. Stay for a pizza dinner (\$3) from 6-6:30 p.m. in the *Sanctuary Basement. Those not staying for dinner should be picked up by 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. (*change from Thompson Hall)

Sunday Night Youth (5-6:30 p.m.) Christian Life Center (CLC): Middle School youth will meet in Thompson Hall for a paint night! Wear clothes that you won't mind accidentally getting messy. Pizza for dinner! See GroupMe texts from Bethany. Confirmation Sunday School class will be led by Pastor Lynn this morning in the Multi-Purpose Room, and the Officer's Exam is tonight (5-6pm CLC). See GroupMe texts from Pastor Nick.

WE@EPC Meals April 6 Menu: Parmesan Lemon Encrusted Tilapia or Panko Chicken, Orzo with Spinach, Tomato and Parmesan, Roasted Zucchini and Squash, Corn Nuggets, and Rolls —Family cap is \$25. Dine-in or drive-thru. RSVP via Quick Links. Contact Kelly Fernet (ext. 127) with questions.

Worship Discovery Bibles for Second Graders will be presented on Palm Sunday: Join us in celebration of our second grade graduates (9a.m.). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Croskeys (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

The Peace Service is April 10th: Join us at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we come quietly before God for prayer and The Lord's Supper. This month's service will have a special emphasis with prayer for the people of Ukraine and Russia in this time of upheaval.

Easter Lilies for Eastminster: The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria for lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Return your dedication form to the church office with a check made out to EPC (\$20 each). The deadline is Monday, April 11th. You may take your lily home after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Dedication forms can be found on Quick Links at www.eastminsterpres.org.

Sisters In Christ Dinner is April 27th (5:30 p.m.) in Thompson Hall (TH): Join us for Eastminster Presbyterian Women's (EPW's) spring event as we announce and honor our Lifetime Membership recipients. You can now register at www.eastminsterpres.org via Quick Links.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 24:17-22

¹⁷You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. ¹⁸Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this ¹⁹When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. ²⁰When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²¹When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²²Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: TERESA SHELTON AND DOLORES LONG
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9 A.M.) RANDY LIGGITT (11:15 A.M.)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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return, rejoice, respond

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

9:00 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Neil Harmon

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship joyfully, grateful to be able to gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: We are one community, the family of God, an outpost of the Body of Christ.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit we are also brothers and sisters with others;

People: We are bound together with siblings of different places, perspectives and circumstances.

All: By God's design, we are blessed to be neighbors, just as God in Christ chose to be our neighbor.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mills Grace Snell *(9:00 a.m.)*
Vivian Ruth Hammond *(11:15 a.m.)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #475 *(verse 1)*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall
The 4K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know that we should help each other, but we confess our propensity to pause and help those people who are most like us. Overwhelmed by unending news reports of people in need, unsure of how to respond to people along our daily paths, we confess that we often avert our gaze and "pass by on the other side." Thank you, Lord God, that in Jesus you moved into our neighborhood, and meet us where we are. Forgive us for not doing the same for others, and transform us even in this time of worship. ...*(silent prayer)*

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 #447

We Are Forgiven WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

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

Jesu Lover of My Soul Philip Stopford
Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Saviour hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace on thee is found; grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

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.

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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Teresa Shelton

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 24:17-22 Page 173
Scripture Focus: Luke 10:25-37 Page 67

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Same Kind of Different As Me” Mr. Ron Hall

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

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 SERVICES

Mills Grace Snell, daughter of Leslie and Parker Snell, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 9:00 a.m. worship service. Leigh Pound will give the baptismal prayer.

Vivian Ruth Hammond, daughter of Stefanie and Clay Hammond, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 11:15 a.m. worship service. Jerry Jowers will give the baptismal prayer.

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Psalm 31:9-16; John 12:1-11