

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow: Join us at 10:30 am in Thompson Hall for fellowship and a Bible Study.

Medical Professionals Sunday Evening Book Study Continues Tonight:

Douglass Key is leading *The Healer's Calling* by a Franciscan Friar named Daniel P. Sulmasy. This four-week study is on Sundays at 7 pm at the Hassingers' house. Contact Janice Blair for more information (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

The 2021 Annual Report is Available in Our Welcome Centers: Pick up a copy from our Welcome Center (one per family) or download the pdf online under Quick Links (www.eastminsterpres.org).

May 15th is Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Volunteers should join us on the breezeway for coffee and doughnuts from 10 am to 11 am.

The Youth Band Leads Jubilee Worship on May 22nd: Join us for contemporary worship at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall. We will hear performances and honor Youth Band graduates, John McCants and Thomas Stiles.

Register for Summer Mission Trips and Retreats for Youth via Quick Links:

There are three different weeks scheduled for High School Youth and two weeks for Middle School Youth. Join us in fellowship and service this summer.

Soul Shop Events Are May 25th & 26th: Soul Shop will host a suicide prevention seminar on Thursday, May 26th, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Also the youth will have an event Wednesday, May 25th, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. An abbreviated version of Soul Shop will be available for adults on Wednesday evening as well if you can't do the entire day on Thursday. You can register at www.eastminsterpres.org via Quick Links. Contact Lynn Grandsire with questions (lgrandsire@eastminsterpres.org).

Join us May 29th For One Blended Worship Service:

Come early for a Congregational Brunch at 9 am in the Courtyard followed by one blended worship service on the Field at 10:15 am.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Kathy and Jack Wolfe in memory of their mothers, Charlotte Cassels and Marie Wolfe.

DEACONS: PAT MUELLER AND JULIE O'NEAL
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9 A.M.) MIKE GORMAN (11:15 A.M.)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Bethany Parker, Director of Middle School Youth
Bill Collins, Business Manager
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications
Christy Rippy, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire, Associate Pastor
Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, 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

Unison Reading: Proverbs 31:26-31

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

SERMON NOTES

Congratulations to our 2022 High School Graduates

Boyce Bankhead
Ivey Barber
James Marshall Bradley
Andrew Brown
Christopher Brown
Cooper Burke
Madison Burns
Evelyn Crosthwaite
Tia Curnias
Ella Douroux
Grayson Evans
Matthew Evans
Molly Evatt
William Fewell
Kathryn Frye
Anders Fulda
Charles Griffin
James Hendricks
Cartr Hinson
Pearce Hoffman
James Hutchinson
David Johns
Curry Johnson
Sarah Long

John McCants
Rivers McElveen
Taylor Mills
Lyndsay Moore
William Morris
Laura Moshier
Gerald Peterson
Jackson Price
Isabelle Royall
Sam Seigler
Ellie Singerling
Kendrick Skipper
Thomas Stiles
Luke Sullivan
Lindsay Swarat
Benjamin Tanner
Elizabeth Thompson
Hagood Tighe, Jr.
Christopher Twitty
Beth Walker
James Weston
Jake Whitener
Ashton Zetz
Michael Zetz



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

9:00 & 11:15 A.M.

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We gather here in response to an invitation, a nudge, a hunger, a hope.

People: The living God stirs within us to bring us together as a body.
Leader: We don’t have all the answers, but in Jesus Christ, God gives His heart, His hand- Himself.

People: Seeing that our Lord so loves us, let us respond by loving others - all others, everywhere.

All: Refresh, re-center, and renew us in this hour, O Master. Re mind us that in life and in death we belong to You through Jesus Christ our Lord.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns DIADEMATA

***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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Jean Trail *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Jesus Loves Me William Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus

loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Even with the joyful songs of Easter still lingering in the air, we are prone to lose the spirit of the resurrection. Rather than growing in gratitude, we cultivate criticism. Rather than fostering joy, we fuel negativity. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us introspection and insight. Give us humility as well as a hunger for You and for the life You offer in Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers 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 #246

Christ Is Alive! TRURO
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, The cross stand empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

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

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

In Christ Alone Arr. Mark Hayes
In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of god in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. ‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for ev’ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His Hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I stand.

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.
FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OFFICER’S PRAYER

Sabrina Barr

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Proverbs 31:26-31 Page 579
Scripture Focus: Psalm 139:1-2; 7-10-13-15 Page 545

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

SERMON

“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES *(11:15 only)*

Leader: Gracious God, we pray that these, Your children, may clearly know Your will and achieve the height and depth of spiritual wisdom and understanding.

People: May they lead lives worthy of You, Lord, continuously pleasing You by doing every good work and growing in the true knowledge that comes from being close to You.

Leader: Strengthen them with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might.

People: In order that they will develop endurance and patience, traveling the road that lies ahead of them with joy and giving thanks to You in all things.

All: Amen. (adapted from Colossians 1:9-12)

HYMN OF DEDICATION #187 *(verses 1-3)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #187 *(verse 4)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY
Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

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. If you are interested in membership, please contact Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) to learn more and find out about our next First Step class.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP SERVICES

Elizabeth Jean Trail, daughter of Matt and Jane Marie Trail, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning’s 11:15 am worship service. Sabrina Barr will give the prayer.