

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST-TIME GUESTS, please stop by our welcome center for a jar of honey. We greatly appreciate your contributions to our worship service through your presence and participation.

PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH month in our welcome and reception areas. Please stop by and pick one up. If you know of a church member who needs our prayers, contact Sarah Beasley (ext. 122).

THIS MORNING'S "D&D" KICKOFF BREAKFAST (10 AM GYM) marks the beginning of a vital church-wide process with Small Groups meeting for eight weeks to share ideas God is putting on our hearts regarding Eastminster's future ministry. Adult Sunday School classes will not meet so that all may attend breakfast. Children 3K-5th grade will go to Thompson Hall for a combined SS time. Middle schoolers will meet together in room 261 of the CLC. If you have signed up for a New D&D group, your group leader will be in touch regarding initial meeting date. Not signed up yet? Several slots still remain, so sign up today at the table in the Gym during the Kickoff Breakfast! Questions? Contact Caroline Bennett or Julie McDaniel, 256-1654.

WE WELCOME MEMBERS OF PALMETTO BRASS PARTICIPATING in worship today: Randolph Love and David Allison, Trumpets; Eric Gilfus, Horn; Michael Wilkinson, Trombone; Ronald Davis, Tuba, as well as. Percussionist Greg Apple.

SUNDAYS@5 CLASS, "DISCERNING IN THE WORD," BEGINS TONIGHT. Dr. Douglass Key, Senior Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship and Administration, will do a close reading of the texts that are guiding our Dreaming & Discerning process, showing how they can be applied to our lives as a whole. You do not need to be in a Small Group to participate in the class. Childcare will be available. Please visit Quick Links to sign up and arrange childcare.

WE@EPC MEALS BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8. Menu for adults: Pork Tenderloin Medallions, Green Bean Casserole, Roasted Potato & Onions, and Rolls. Children's menu: Hot dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans & Oranges. Assorted desserts and salads will be available. Family cap is \$25. Visit Quick Links to make your meal and childcare reservations, or call Sarah Beasley (ext. 122) in the church office.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT JAN. 10-12 AT WHITE OAK CONFERENCE CENTER. Please see communications from Rev. Brian Marsh with details and logistics. Contact Susie Glenn at ext. 123 if you have any questions.

CRADLE ROLL SUNDAY IS JAN. 12 AT 9 AM SERVICE; OFFICER INSTALLATION at 11:15 Sanctuary service. Parents, please look for emails from Croskeys Royall regarding processional and reserved seating.

JESUS ROCKS JAN. 12 FOR FIRST—FIFTH GRADERS 5-6:30 PM. Bring \$3/child for pizza and a canned good for Harvest Hope. Wear sneakers! Drop off is in Thompson Hall, and pickup is in the Gym (by 6:30, please). Look for emails from Croskeys Royall for additional details.

JAN. 12 IS NEXT ANGEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (K4&K5) from 5-6:30 pm in the sanctuary basement. Bring \$3/child for supper. Members of the Junior Choir (grades 1-5) should attend Jesus Rocks.

2020 FLOWER DEDICATIONS CALENDAR WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. In the interim, to reserve your special Sunday, please contact Julie McDaniel at ext. 124.

[Pledge Status Report as of December 30, 2019](#)

Thank you to those who have pledged! If you have not yet pledged, please join us in pledging to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2020.

Unison Reading: Acts 2:17-21

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: KELLEY WOODY AND SCOTT PRICE
HEAD USHER: BILL COGGINS (9 AM) RANDY LIGGITT (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

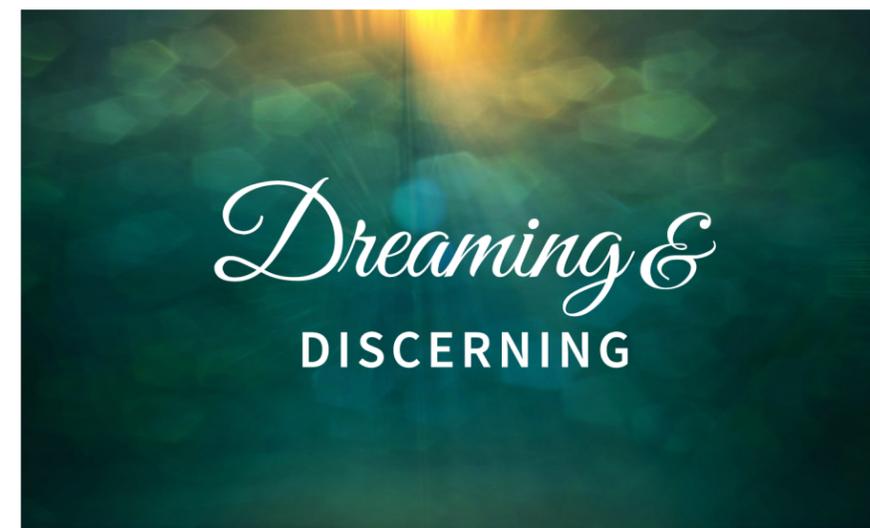
Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Croskeys Royall, Director of Children's Ministries
Laura Long, Senior High Youth Director (PT)
Susie Glenn, Member Involvement Coordinator
Bill Collins, Business Manager
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups and Librarian
Hannah Winstead, Middle School Youth Director
Ree Hart, Director of the Christian Life Center
Jenny Smith, Eastminster Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer

Dave Davis, Facilities Manager



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2020

9:00 A.M. & 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.”*

PRELUDE

Palmetto Brass

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key *(9 am)*
Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire *(11:15 am)*

*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 *(11:15 am)*

Jennings Breslin Rabe

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

Living God, forgive us for the smallness of our dreams and for the short-sightedness of our vision. Too often our dreams and visions are focused on power and prestige, flesh and financial fruits. By the power of your Spirit, help us dream dreams and see visions, where bread and burdens are shared, closed fists are opened and bruised hearts are healed. Search us, O Lord, know us, forgive us and transform us, even in this time of 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 #147

The First Nowell (vs. 6)

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought and with his blood our life hath bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

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

The Dream Isaiah Saw

Erik Routley

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay; leopards will join with the lambs as they play, wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will not darken the earth that God made. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life renewed from fang and claw. Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the Violence concealed deep in the heart and in systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law. Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent, all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodging in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

Thomas Troeger

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

Johnny Hudgens

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“What Just Happened on Earth?”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy (vs.1-3)

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy (vs. 4)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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 Susie Glenn (sglenn@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 SERVICE

Jennings Breslin Rabe, son of Adam and Claire Rabe, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Elder Phyllis Trippe will give the baptismal prayer.

January 12, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Dreaming & Discerning #2:

Encountering God Individually and Together”

Psalms 95:1-7