

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE today at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE! Members can sign out a printed copy today in the Narthex or Sunshine Room, or pick up a directory during the week at the Church Office. A link including the access code to the online version was emailed to all members. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Beasley (ext. 122).

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TO NOMINATE EPW HONORARY LIFE Members; look for them in our welcome and reception areas. Please return by Tuesday, March 10. Contact Sarah Beasley (ext. 122) with questions.

TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL OF CARING AND SCOUT SUNDAY! 2020 marks the **thirtieth** anniversary of the Souper Bowl of Caring offering, which began on Super Bowl Sunday in 1990 with Pastor Brad's idea to harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend to tackle hunger. Since then, young people across the country have inspired a movement that has generated an aggregate of over \$150 million for food banks & soup kitchens in communities everywhere. This year we're collecting for Harvest Hope.

THE FIRST STEP CLASS BEGINS TODAY AT 10 AM (Christian Education Bldg. room 258). If you are interested in joining Eastminster, this class is the "first step." If you missed today's class, it is not too late to catch up. Contact Susie Glenn to register at ext. 123, or sglenn@eastminsterpres.org. New members will join on March 29.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL REHEARSE FROM 5-6 PM TONIGHT. There will be no meal. Please pick up your singers promptly at 6 pm.

ALL YOUTH TAILGATE TONIGHT, 5-6:15 PM IN THOMPSON HALL. Come hear the Youth Band, hear from fellow youth and enjoy tailgate food and games! Bring friends!

"DISCOVERING YOUR SCRIPT IN SCRIPTURE," THE NEW EPW Bible study, begins Feb. 4 and will meet each Tuesday in February from 10 – 11 am. Led by Lucie Eggleston, this women's class will follow the 3 R's of Bible Study, Reading, Rehearsing & Responding, in new ways. Room 353 of the Christian Ed building. Sign up on Quick Links or call Sarah Beasley (ext. 122).

FEB. 5 WE@EPC MEAL: Adults - Chicken or salmon piccata, rice pilaf, fried mushrooms, broccoli casserole & roll. Children - Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans & oranges. Family cap is \$25.00. Make your meal and childcare reservations on Quick Links, or call Sarah Beasley (ext. 122). You don't have to be in a class to join us for dinner.

WORSHIP DISCOVERY BEGAN LAST SUNDAY. Second graders, come learn about the components of worship! Now through March 29 at 10 am in the Adult Reception Hall. Children must attend 7 of the 10 classes.

JOIN US FOR THE PEACE SERVICE AT 4 PM ON FEB. 9 in the Adult Reception Hall. Come before God in quiet prayer and in reverent community with others.

JESUS ROCKS FOR 1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADERS Feb. 9, 5—6:30 pm!

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE PARTY FEB. 13 from 5-6:30 pm for EPC & EDS families with children through 5K. Drop-in for a catered meal & crafts. \$10 per family. See email from Croskeys with link to register.

SECOND ANNUAL CORE RETREAT MARCH 6-7! This mind, body & soul retreat will feature an array of fitness, food, and emotional and spiritual health offerings. Our guest speaker is author Jennifer Pharr Davis, National Geographic "Adventurer of the Year."

MONDAY MARCH 23, EPC HOSTS GUEST SPEAKER, ROSS SZABO, award-winning mental health speaker, writer and trainer with an "honest, humorous and relatable approach." More details will follow.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jane and Joe Anderson to praise God for the blessing of their twin boys, Foster and Clarke Anderson, who were born this day 20 years ago.

Unison Reading: Matthew 16:24-26

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: JULIE O'NEAL AND SUSANNE HICKLIN
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

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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

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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

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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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises.

All: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

*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.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Lord and King, we confess that we have failed to live as citizens of Your Kingdom. We are called to boldly proclaim the dawn of Your Kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. You desire to work through us, Your Church, to bring peace and justice on earth as it is in heaven, but we have tolerated turmoil and turned a blind eye to injustice. Rather than being servants in Your Kingdom, we have sought to rule our own kingdoms. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Give us courage to live for You, even when it is not safe or comfortable. Make us, sinners though we are, to be a light to all nations. Hear now our prayers and the silent confessions of our hearts.

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

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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

Christ Calls Us Forth

K. Lee Scott

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim to all in hopeless pain and need, the glory of his saving Name. You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, to the utmost ends of the earth. Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told his wondrous birth, to humble villages around, retell the Savior's matchless worth. Christ sends us forth to Samaria to those of different clan and race, that they may know his loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace. Christ sends us forth to the world around: "To every creature bear the word." Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own him as the Lord.

Based on Acts 1

*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**

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

Mitch Newman

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Second Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Missions: Joining in God's Work in the World”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy (vs. 2)

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! 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.

February 9, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Dreaming & Discerning #6: Engaging, Inviting & Including”

Acts 2:42-47