

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.

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

JOIN US FOR THE PEACE SERVICE TODAY AT 4 PM in the Adult Reception Hall. Come reverently before God in quiet prayer, and share in the Lord’s Supper. This is a service of comfort on the second Sunday of every other month.

JESUS ROCKS IS TODAY FROM 5-6:30 PM FOR 1ST-5TH GRADERS! Wear sneakers and bring two canned goods plus \$3 for pizza. Super Bowl inflatables & Valentine’s Day crafts. Email Croskeys at croyall@eastminsterpres.org to help.

ANGEL CHOIR WILL REHEARSE FROM 5-6:30 PM TODAY, with a meal following. Please bring \$3 per singer; pick-up time is promptly at 6:30 (sanctuary basement). *Junior Choir singers should go to Jesus Rocks!*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2ND ANNUAL CORE RETREAT March 6-7! This mind, body & soul retreat will feature an array of fitness, food, and emotional and spiritual health offerings. Go to Quick Links now to register for the early bird rate of \$30/person (through Feb. 13).

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.

HS YOUTH AND LEADERS TRAVEL HOME TODAY FROM WINTERPLACE Please keep these 60 in your prayers! No HS Youth Group tonight.

“DISCOVERING YOUR SCRIPT IN SCRIPTURE,” THE NEW EPW Bible study, began 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 351 of the Christian Ed building. Sign up on Quick Links or call Sarah Beasley (ext. 122).

FEB. 12 WE@EPC MEAL: Adults - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash casserole, broccoli. Children - Cheeseburger slider, mashed potatoes, cucumbers & apples. Family cap is \$25.00. Make your reservations via Quick Links.

PEP WELCOMES DR. DOUGLASS KEY ON TUESDAY, FEB. 25! Introduce yourselves and hear from our new Senior Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship & Administration! Lunch starts at 11:45 a.m. in Thompson Hall. The cost is \$6.00. Bring a neighbor. Contact Sarah Beasley to sign up (ext. 122).

DR. DOUGLASS D. KEY WILL BE INSTALLED SUNDAY MARCH 1 at the 11:15 a.m. sanctuary service, with a reception immediately following.

A NIGHT OF PRAISE WITH SOZO CHILDREN IS SUNDAY, MARCH 1 in Thompson Hall at 5 pm.

“DEMENTIA DIALOGUES” BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 IN ROOM 351 of the Christian Ed Building at 6:15 pm. Learn how to communicate with and care for a loved one with dementia. Join us for dinner and this WE@EPC class, led by Rev. Lynn Grandsire. Visit Quick Links to sign up.

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 to the Glory of God and to honor my wife, Susan Coggins, by Bill Coggins.

Unison Reading: Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: KELLEY WOODY AND REBECCA HARTNER
HEAD USHER: JEFF CASTO (9 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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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Croskeys Royall, Director of Children’s Ministries

Laura Long, Senior High Youth Director (PT)

Susie Glenn, Member Involvement Coordinator

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Dave Davis, Facilities Manager

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

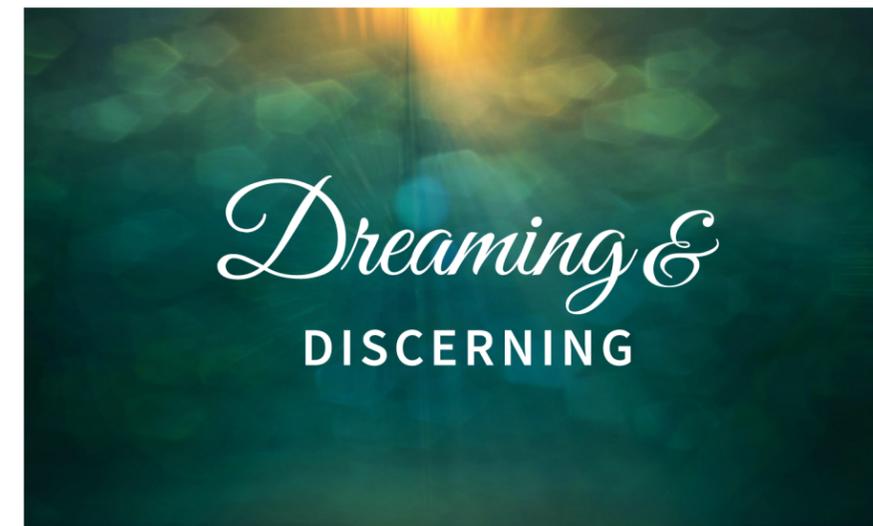
Ree Hart, Director of the Christian Life Center

Jenny Smith, Eastminster Day School Director

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 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: You, O God, formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your eyes, O God, beheld my unformed substance.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

All: We praise you, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer! Accept our worship and thanksgiving as we give our hearts and minds and voices even now!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key (9:00 am)

Rev. Lynn 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.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Grandsire

O Lord our God, we are fallen people. In an age of people hungering for hope, we know you are the Bread of Life. In an age of people yearning for meaning and purpose, we know you are the Prince of Peace. And yet, rather than loving our neighbors as you, in Jesus Christ, love us, we are slow to invite or include or reach out. We forget that all are created by you, that all are loved by you. Your Good News, O Lord, is for all, and you call us, unworthy though we are, to be your Ambassadors. Strengthen us afresh to live for you, even in this time of silent confession.....

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

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. 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust His word, and our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.

Frederick Faber (1814-1863)

*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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OFFICER'S PRAYER

John Winterhalter

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Second Reading: Acts 2:42-47

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Engaging, Inviting, and Including”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #301 (Verse 1 - *Choir only*; Verses 2-5 - *All*)

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*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 16, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Dreaming & Discerning #7: Our Life Together & Congregational Care”

Philippians 2:5-15