

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.

INTERESTED IN PRAYER MATTERS? You, or you and your family, can support this care ministry through weekly prayer. Contact Rev. Lynn Grandsire at 256-1654 to learn more.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING SHAKIA HURLOCK, our new special needs coordinator! She will be working part time to help train volunteers to serve in our youth ministry with special needs children, and will be getting to know those families. You will begin seeing her on Sundays, so please introduce yourself! We are excited about her ministry with us!

CRADLE ROLL SUNDAY: TODAY AT THE 9 AM SANCTUARY service we recognized families with babies born in 2019.

SUNDAYS@5 CLASS, "DISCERNING IN THE WORD," BEGAN JAN. 5 in room 351 of the Christian Education building. Dr. Douglass Key, Senior Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship and Administration, is leading a close study of the Dreaming & Discerning scriptures, as they apply to our lives overall. Visit Quick Links to sign up.

WE@EPC MEAL ON JAN. 15: Adults: Spaghetti, Roasted Zucchini, Mushroom and Onions, Fried Green Beans & Garlic Bread. Children: Spaghetti with Green Beans, Apples & Garlic Bread. 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 256-1654.

TONIGHT IS JESUS ROCKS 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). We will talk about how "light" illuminates darkness. Email Croskeys to help out at croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

THE ANGEL CHOIR (K4&K5) WILL REHEARSE TONIGHT from 5-6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary basement. Bring \$3/child for supper. Members of the Junior Choir (grades 1-5) should attend Jesus Rocks. Please pick up your child promptly at 6:30 pm. Both choirs have regular rehearsals on Jan. 19.

EASTMINSTER FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

WORSHIP DISCOVERY FOR 2ND GRADERS IS JAN. 26-MAR. 29. We will meet in the Adult Reception Hall during the Sunday School hour learning the components of worship. Parents, see emails from Croskeys with more details.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CLASS OF 2022

The Eastminster congregation elected candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon on Sunday, July 28, 2019. Following their election these officers-elect began an 11-week training program. This training culminated in two examinations by the Session who then set aside today as the Sunday for Ordination and Installation.

The following officers are presented this morning to be ordained and/or installed:

ELDERS:

Neal Beard, John Derham, Mary Elliott, LeeAnn Harris, Darla Helms, Nelle Holcombe, John McCants, Meredith McKee, Mitch Newman, Clay Robinson

DEACONS:

Elizabeth Abramson, Branford Breland, Will Brownlee, Perry Crosthwaite, Kelley Liggitt, Julie Moss, Pat Mueller, Julie O'Neal, Claire Smith, Michael Strong

At the conclusion of the service, we invite the congregation to greet the new officers in the Parlor.

Unison Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DEBBIE BOYER AND MARK SULLIVAN
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. Lynn A. Grandsire, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brian J. Marsh, Associate Pastor	Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry	Josh Evanovich, Organist
Croskeys Royall, Director of Children's Ministries	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups and Librarian
Laura Long, Senior High Youth Director (PT)	Hannah Winstead, Middle School Youth Director
Susie Glenn, Member Involvement Coordinator	Ree Hart, Director of the Christian Life Center
Bill Collins, Business Manager	Jenny Smith, Eastminster Day School Director
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Dave Davis, Facilities Manager	



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020
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: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

People: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together;

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

All: For great is our God and greatly to be praised!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*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. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Mighty and merciful God, you called us to be your people and claimed us for service in Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Hear now our silent confessions...

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.

Shirley Murray

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

A Covenant Prayer

Dan Forrest

I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering, I am no longer my own, but Thine. Let me be employed for Thee or laid aside for Thee, Let me be exalted for Thee, or brought low for Thee. Let me be full, let me be empty, Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am Thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in Heaven. Amen.

John Wesley, late 18th c

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

Betty Gilbert

*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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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“To Whom Are You Listening?”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697

Take My Life (vs. 1-3)

HENDON

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Installation

Charge and Welcome

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697

Take My Life (vs. 4-6)

HENDON

*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.

January 19, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Dreaming & Discerning #3:

Signs, Emblems and Writings”

Deuteronomy 6:1-9