

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.

WELCOME GUEST PASTOR, REV. DR. FRANKLIN FANT, known to many through his work at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY IN OUR RECEPTION AREAS.

CELEBRATE TODAY'S INSTALLATION OF DR. DOUGLASS D. KEY at the reception immediately following worship in the gym. Stop by and welcome Douglass, Kathy, and their son Thomas to Eastminster.

THE SOZO CHOIR PROGRAM TONIGHT has been postponed due to difficulties the group had with travel arrangements. They hope to be able to re-schedule their visit in late April.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT. See you on March 8.

EPW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS are due March 10. Nomination forms are available in our welcome and reception areas. Contact Sarah Beasley (ext. 122) with questions.

THE FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS & HONORARIA for Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Return your donation form to the church office with a check made out to EPC; (\$20 each). The deadline is Monday, March 30. You may take your lily home after the 10:45 am service on Easter Sunday.

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS HOST & OVERNIGHT COORDINATOR. Thank you, Nancy (Boyd) Scott for your service! If you are interested in serving, we are putting a team together to make our Family Promise families feel at home while they are staying at EPC. For more details, contact Susie Glenn (ext. 123).

PARISH ASSOCIATE DR. CAROL BYRD WILL BE LEAVING later this year for husband Joey's next assignment with the Army. Her last day at EPC will be April 1. She leaves with joy in her heart for the opportunity to love and be loved by this congregation.

PEP MINISTRY SEEKS NEW PRESIDENT. For more information, contact Sarah Beasley at ext. 122)

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Katie Alice and Drew Walker to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversaries of Andrew and Alice Rushton's baptisms.

Unison Reading: Romans 10:12-15

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: LIZA SANSBURY AND MICHAEL STRONG
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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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

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

Jenny Smith, Eastminster Day School Director

Emmet Hough, Christian Life Center Director

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EASTMINSTER
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2020
9:00 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

The Glory of These Forty Days

Powell

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

Leader: He raises up the needy out of distress, and makes their families like flocks.

People: The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.

All: Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #41

O Worship the King

LYONS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Belhar (adapted)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind.

We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly.

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others. 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 A. Grandsire

Living God, we confess that we are not ready for life in your Kingdom. We lay heavy burdens on others, but are unwilling to share the load. We want to be lifted up as leaders, but you call us to humble service. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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 #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*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

Nelle Holcombe

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Among You Is the Living God”

Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Nachspiel

A. Bruckner

*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.

March 8, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Mark 8:27-38

“Who Do You Say I Am?”