

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THIS TIME — Please read the E-news each week for the latest news from EPC. Also, to receive the Daily Devotional, a brief devotional written by various EPC members, simply email blewis@eastminsterpres.org and type, “Add me to DD list.”

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep Washington St. Soup Cellar in your prayers. Hosted at Washington St. UMC, the Soup Cellar provides lunches every weekday for those experiencing homelessness. They have adapted their serving to accommodate social distancing practices, but have not stopped giving to those in need. If you would like to help out, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

SUNDAY@5 CLASS TONIGHT! “NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT.” Join via LIVE FEED today at 5 pm to learn about Zechariah. Last study is May 24.

DIG INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT THIS SUMMER! A few young adult Small Groups are taking on the challenge of reading through the New Testament this summer. If your Small Group or Sunday school class is interested in this study, contact Rev. Brian Marsh (bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org) for a 14-week reading plan and other helpful resources.

EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG RESOURCES: VISIT OUR GOOD NEWS HUMOR CHANNEL! Simply click on the Quick Link in the lower right corner to find videos, memes, etc., all in the name of good clean fun. Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org) to submit a little humor.

ACCESS EASTMINSTER’S VIRTUAL CALENDAR on the homepage. You will see online activities for mind, body, and soul for all ages. Let us know what you’d like to see more of, or if you have a suggestion for something new. Contact Janice Blair at jblair@eastminsterpres.org.

MISSING WE@EPC MEALS? Eastminster has to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Pick up a meal for a neighbor. \$3 per child (0-8), \$6 per adult (9+) with a \$25 family cap. *You must register through the EPC website’s Quick Links by noon on Tues/Thurs. In an effort to decrease the spread of germs, we will not be accepting payment in person. If you are not able to pay online via PayPal, please mail in your payment.* Tuesday, May 19: BBQ Chicken, Dirty Rice, Green beans, Corn on Cob and Roll Thursday, May 21: Pork Tenderloin Medallions, Collard Greens, Navy Beans, Stewed Tomato, Okra and Cornbread

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY MEAL IS MAY 21. Please see emails from Alison McGowan for instructions during this time of social distancing. Donations of bananas, pound cakes and coleslaw should be dropped off at the McGowan’s by 4 p.m. Email Alison at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com to help.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS SATURDAY, MAY 30 (8:30 am-1 pm, CLC). Give the gift of life! Register via Quick Links using the sponsor code, “Eastminster.” You will also see several attachments at the bottom of the page regarding COVID-19 safety and appropriate nutrition for donors. Questions? Contact Emmet Hough, CLC Director, at ehough@eastminsterpres.org.

VBS 2020 REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The new proposed dates are July 27-30 (Rising 4K—Rising 6th-graders), and you can now register via Quick Links on the website. Parents, see weekly emails from Croskeys for latest updates on VBS and other virtual resources.

SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION WITH EPC! Just send images to Blythe Lewis at blewis@eastminsterpres.org.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God by an EPC family.

Unison Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-5

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



¹ © PUBLIC DOMAIN CCLI LICENSE NO. 1892950

MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Evanovich, Organist
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups and Librarian
Jenny Smith, Eastminster Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Dave Davis, Facilities Manager

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

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

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

MAY YOUR HOME AND HEART BE A SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we gather in homes in Columbia and beyond to worship God. This day we set our homes apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

*“God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

PRELUDE

Medley of *Does Jesus Care?*, *Jesus Is All the World to Me*,
O Thou in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 31

Leader: Incline your ear to us, O God. Be a rock of refuge in this time of challenge.

People: Indeed, O Lord, you are our rock and our fortress.

Leader: For your name's sake, O Deliverer, lead us and guide us.

People: For we trust in you, O Lord our God; our times are in your hand.

All: From our homes and in our hearts, let us worship God our Savior!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENO

- 1. Immortal, Invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
-
-
- 4. Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Caroline Elizabeth Coble

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized In Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND RESURRECTION GREETINGS

During this time you are encouraged to extend the hand of Christ by texting "The peace of Christ be with you," "Resurrection hope to you and yours," or another brief greeting to 3-4 people, Eastminster members or beyond.

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.

OFFERTORY AND TIME OF OFFERING

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; Be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

Based on Isaiah 43:1-4

To respond to God's grace by participating in God's work through Eastminster, use one of the following options:

1. Mail contributions to: EPC, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204.
2. To set up recurring gifts, register on the members' portal at <https://members.eastminsterpres.org> then follow prompts for giving.
3. One time gifts: Go to our webpage at <https://eastminsterpres.org/contribute> and select "2020 General Fund" and follow prompts.
4. Give by texting 18035909901, type "give" and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-5

Page 219

Scripture Focus: Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16

Page 478

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Refuge in the Midst of Rona"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. **CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BLESSING

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Cross of Glory

David Lowe



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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Caroline Elizabeth Coble, daughter of Daniel and Kristen Coble, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. John Hart will give the baptismal prayer.

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.

May 24, 2020

Dr. Douglass D. Key

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

"Cloud Surfing"