

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAYS@5 CLASSES, YOUTH GROUP & ECAMP ALL meet today at 5 pm.

CIRCLES 1&3 JOINT MEETING TOMORROW AT 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Join us for fellowship, prayer and EPW update. You can also join online.

CALM CLASS MEETS EACH MONDAY AT 7 PM in the Christian Life Center's Multipurpose Room (MPR). Pastor Nick leads our sessions. This coed class is ideal for young adults (20s & 30s).

DON'T MISS DINNER AND THE FIELD CONCERT THIS TUESDAY with guest artists The Silvertones and Next Time as well as our Jubilee musicians. RSVP via Quick Links for Regina's drive-thru (5:30-6PM). The concert will begin at 6:15PM.

LET'S THANK OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS! Mindful of the stress endured by healthcare professionals caring for those hospitalized with COVID-19, we're showing love by providing baskets full of fruit, nuts, granola bars and homemade cookies to area hospitals. Our Tuesday delivery to Lexington Medical Center was greatly appreciated! Thank you. If 85 of us make two dozen cookies each, put three to a bag in sandwich bags, then write, sign and staple a one sentence note of blessing on each, we'll have the 2,000 cookies needed to reach every shift of COVID caregivers at the other area hospitals. Please bring your cookies to the office Monday or Tuesday.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY MEETS THIS TUESDAY at Za's on Devine Street at 7 p.m. Pastor Nick leads this group. Friends welcome!

WE@EPC MEALS ARE BACK—RSVP VIA QUICK LINKS. Join us in the Courtyard (weather permitting) or drive-thru (CLC Lot) Menu: Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans w/Cheese & Tortilla Chips.

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS OCT. 21. Contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com) to donate or serve.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD KICKS OFF THIS MONTH! Work dates are Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Visit Quick Links or contact Christina Siokos at csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 803-256-1654 (ext 123).

INTRODUCING "LIGHTLY SEASONED" FELLOWSHIP GROUP for couples or singles in their late 40's to mid 60's! Join us on Oct. 28, from 7-9 pm in the Courtyard to reconnect! Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. To register, contact Christina Siokos at 803-256-1654 x123 or csiokos@eastminsterpres.org.

DEDICATION SUNDAY AND KIRKIN' ARE OCT. 31. Look for a Stewardship mailing next week. If you'd like to participate in the traditional Kirkin' processions (9 & 11:15 a.m.), contact Yolanda Courie at ycourie@gmail.com or Bryant McGowan at bryant.mcgowan@sedgwick.com.

EPC & TRUMC JOIN FOR FALL FESTIVAL, OCT.31 ON THE field, from 3-5 PM. Trunk or Treat, Food Trucks & Inflatables—Fall Festivities for all ages will be enjoyed by Presbyterians and Methodists alike. Save the date and join us on the Field. (Costumes and spooky cars encouraged.)

DONATIONS FOR EPWORTH DUE TO CHURCH BINS BY NOV 5. CHAMPS, EDS & EPC Youth are collecting items for Epworth Children's Home. Go to Quick Links to make donation selections. Contact Rebekah Gaston with questions at 803-256-1654 ext. 141.

SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT RETREAT IS DEC. 3-5 at Blue Ridge Assembly. This year, there's an intentional focus on family, so childcare will not be available. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, "THE VINE," IS FEB 4-6, 2022. You can now reserve your spot via Quick Links! Hurry, space is limited.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Emily and Spencer Lindsay in honor of the baptism of Seth Charles Lindsay and in memory of Seth's uncle, Robert Bradley Whitlock.

Unison Reading: : Nehemiah 5:1-4, 9

Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish kin. ²For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many; we must get grain, so that we may eat and stay alive." ³There were also those who said, "We are having to pledge our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine." ⁴And there were those who said, "We are having to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay the king's tax. ..."⁹So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?"

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JULIE O'NEAL AND REBECCA HARTNER
HEAD USHER: JEF MUTHIG (9 AM), MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)
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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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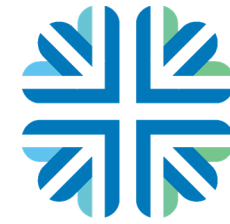
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return, rejoice, respond

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021

9 AND 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

O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee

Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thus says the high and exalted One,

People: whose name is Holy, who lives forever:

Leader: “I dwell in a high and holy place,

People: but I also live with those who are broken and humble in spirit,

Leader: to revive the spirit of the humble, to restore the courage of the broken.”

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyck

*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

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Seth Charles Lindsay *(9 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Love Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

The 3K—5K children may be dismissed for Children's Church.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us, O God, transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may live as forgiven and forgiving people. Hear now our silent prayer...

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 #578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORE' PORIAJU' VEREKO'

- O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**
- O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy. Have mercy on us.**

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 TIME OF OFFERING

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

Psalm 84: Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure

O Lord of hosts, How lovely are Thy dwellings My soul longs for Thy courts, O Lord. My heart and flesh cry out; O Lord, for Thee my heart and flesh cry out. O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee; Who praise Thy name, who sing their songs within thy holy house. O Lord, incline Thine ear; Look down, my spirit longs for Thee. A Sun and Shield is the Lord of hosts. In Thee, I trust; Look down and hear my prayer.

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Jane Francis

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Nehemiah 5:14-16, 6:2-3; 15-16

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Character, Community & Covenant”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #63 *(verses 1-3)*

The Lord Is God

AZMON

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #63 *(verse 4)*

The Lord Is God

AZMON

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Léon Boëllmann

*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 Member Involvement Coordinator Christina Siokos (256-1654 x123 or csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) 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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Seth Charles Lindsay, son of Emily and Spencer Lindsay, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 9 am worship service. Michael Strong will give the baptismal prayer.

October 17, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith