

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

Adult VBS is August 14th & 15th: Rev. Dr. Stan Saunders, Professor Emeritus (New Testament) from Columbia Theological Seminary, will preach next Sunday during worship, and he will lead two additional parable sessions on Sunday and Monday (5:30 pm -7 pm) in Thompson Hall. Join us for dinner both evenings at no cost. Childcare is available. To register and learn more about Dr. Saunders' teaching topics, visit "Upcoming Events" on our website.

Mark Your Calendars for Fall Kick-off Sunday, August 21st:

We'll return to three worship services: two services in the sanctuary at 9 am and 11:15 am, and one contemporary service (Jubilee) at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall. Children's and Youth Sunday School will also resume at 10 am in break-out classrooms.

Adult Sunday School Open House is August 21st at 10 am in the Adult Reception Hall:

Join us for an overview of current Sunday School classes to find the best fit for you. There are couples and individual classes of various ages and interests. Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Elementary Pool Party is August 21st:

Join us at Gregg Park's pool from 5 pm - 6:30 pm for fun games and pizza (\$3) by the pool. Please check Children's Ministry ENews for more details, and contact Croskeys if you can chaperone: croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

High School Youth Pool Party is August 21st (5 pm - 6:30 pm):

Thank you Kitchens family for hosting us! We will enjoy food and fellowship and will cool down in the pool. Look for more information via GroupMe texts from Pastor Nick.

Give the gift of life this summer! Donate blood on Thursday, August 25th (1 pm - 6pm), in the Christian Life Center (GYM). Our goal is 35 donors! Visit our website, www.eastminsterpres.org, and find the blood drive link under "Upcoming Events."

Intergenerational Brunch is September 4th at 10 am (Courtyard): Join us for a time of food and fellowship as we bid farewell to summer.

Learn How to Make Chrismons for Eastminster's Christmas Tree: Carol Anderson will lead two workshops, October 5th and October 12th at 10 am. Please email Carol at cga1655@gmail.com to let her know when you will attend. Workshops are limited to 15 participants.

Small Group Facilitator Dinner and Training is August 28th:

If you currently lead your Small Group or are interested in starting/leading a Small Group this fall, you don't want to miss our SG Facilitator Training session. Join us in Thompson Hall on August 28th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register.

Alpha Kick-off is September 14th at *5:30 pm (Thompson Hall): The Alpha Course is a 10-week series with a day retreat that explores the Christian faith for seekers, new believers, and those looking for answers to many of life's questions. Leaders are Pastor Brian Marsh and Laura Long. Dinner and childcare provided. Visit our website to register. (*The food line opens at 5 pm.)

Join a Small Group (SG) this Fall! Email SG Director Caroline Bennett, cben-nett@eastminsterpres.org, who will help you get connected in a new SG in September. Mark your calendars now for the SG Kick-off Dinner on Thursday, September 8, 5:30 pm until 7 pm, in Thompson Hall. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Brad and Nancy Smith's first grandchild, Theodore Joshua, by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Colossians 3:12-14

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

SERMON NOTES

A Listening Session will be held this Wednesday Evening: Sr. Pastor Brad Smith invites you to a time of conversation and responding to your question on Wednesday, August 10, at 5:30 pm in the Christian Life Center rooms 271-273.

DEACONS: ELIZABETH ABRAMSON AND STEPHEN SANSBURY
HEAD USHER: WILSON MCDONALD

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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EASTMINSTER
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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:30 A.M.

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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.”*

****All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional. This decision, made by the Session, relates to all Eastminster programs and events. In the event you would like a mask, they are available at the Welcome Center.**

PRELUDE

Processional

Louis Niedermeyer

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 114

Leader: God is my strength and my might.

People: Praise God for all God's greatness and power.

Leader: God is majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor.

All: Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall give praise to God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #623

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*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

God of love, we come to you now to confess our sins. We confess that we have been selfish and wasteful in the use of the gifts and talents you have given us. Like the servant, we tend to hoard things, lacking faith that enough will be provided. We give in to temptations we encounter and take for granted the blessings you give. We get carried away with our getting and spending, and forget about giving and sharing. Receive

our penitent hearts before your throne of grace as we offer our silent confession to you now.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us our selfishness. Forgive us our squandering. Forgive us our petty grudges which we carry endlessly. Restore us now in courage and faith and help us to love each other as Christ has taught. Amen.

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 #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.

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 MUSIC

Blest Are They

David Haas

The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12

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

Madison Dye

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

George Walker Jameson
Ella Grace Turnage Jameson

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*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

“Unforgiven”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697

Take My Life

HENDON

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

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

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

*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 Christina Siokos (csiokos@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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Ella Grace Turnage Jameson and George Walker Jameson, daughter and son of Elizabeth and George Jameson, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's worship service. George Jameson, Sr., paternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

August 14, 2022

Dr. Stan Saunders

Matthew 25:31-46