

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Today is Emergency Procedures Awareness Sunday:** The EPC Safety Committee realizes the importance of our church being prepared for an emergency. Today, our infants through eighth-graders will be practicing an evacuation drill during Sunday School. Ninth graders through adults will remain in their Sunday School Classrooms and not evacuate.

**Knowing Our Faith Adult Study is Tonight at 5 pm:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall to concentrate on a classic Christian belief. For details, resources, and to purchase the book, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/](http://eastminsterpres.org/resources/adult-evening-classes-readings-and-resources/).

**A Bible Study for Women Begins Tonight:** On Sundays from 5 pm - 6 pm, all ladies are invited to join Marsha Moseley and Jane Shuler in room 356 of the Education Building for a Bible study focusing on Daniel's visions. This Bible study begins September 17 and will run for five weeks.

**Don't Miss Artist, Mary Burkett, this Tuesday, September 19:** "Beloved Children of the Holocaust Portraits" is hosted by the Seniors' Ministry and will take place at 10 am in Thompson Hall. Register at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/mary-burkett-event-beloved-children-of-the-holocaust/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/mary-burkett-event-beloved-children-of-the-holocaust/).

**WE@EPC Meals on September 20 at 5:15 pm:** Enjoy Panko Chicken, Honey Thyme Butternut Squash, Garlic Green Beans, and Rolls. RSVP by 1pm on Wednesday at: [eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/](http://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/fellowship/rsvp/). Please pay at the dinner in Thompson Hall with cash or check.

**Dave Ramsay's Financial Peace Class on Wednesdays at 6 pm:** Join George McCutchen in Room 357 of the Education Building to learn how to eliminate debt and learn new behaviors that are founded on commitment and accountability. To register, visit [eastminsterpres.org/events/financial-peace-wednesday-night-class/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/financial-peace-wednesday-night-class/).

**Bible Doers' Kick Off on Wednesday, September 20, at the Oliver's:** Join anytime from 6 am until 8 am to prepare donations for Transitions! Coffee is always brewing, and you can stop by anytime to walk, pray, and "do."

**Transitions Third Thursday is September 21:** Please bring donations to the Staff Kitchen by 4 pm, and if you can serve the meal, please be at Transitions by 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan if you can help ([alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com)).

**Deposit for The Vine is Due October 6:** All Eastminster ladies are invited to share in the joy of the Lord through stories, inspiration, music, laughter, prayer, good food, and the beauty of The Cove from February 2-4. The speaker is Cleere Cherry Reaves. To register, visit: [eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-the-vine/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/epws-the-vine/).

**Men's Fall Retreat is Oct 6-8 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center:** Escape with purpose, find refreshment through outdoor activities, and enjoy good food, fellowship, worship, and messages of conviction. Register today at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/mens-fall-retreat-new-ebenezer/).

**Register for the Advent Retreat at Montreat:** December 1-3, prepare your heart for the Advent season at this intergenerational conference. The guest pastor is Rev. Ed Black. Register at: [eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/](http://eastminsterpres.org/events/advent-retreat-montreat-nc/)

**The First Step Class Begins September 24:** Meets in the Adult Reception Hall at 10 am starting September 24 to learn about the Presbyterian faith, EPC Pastors, and EPC ministries.

**Installation and Welcome Reception for Rev. Emily Mooneyhan:** On September 24 during the 11:15 am Traditional Worship Service, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Concern, Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, will be installed; following worship, there will be a Welcome Reception in the Christian Life Center Gym, and everyone is invited for heavy hors d'oeuvres.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given by the family of Henry Williams Gandy on his baptism.

## Unison Reading: Psalm 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,...

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** PARKS BUNCH AND DOLORES LONG  
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9 AM) BILL COGGINS (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. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate

Bill Collins, Business Manager

Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer

Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications

Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor

Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry

Lucinda Shields, Interim Organist

Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth

Katie Herndon, Day School Director

Christy Rippy, Treasurer

Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
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## Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

In Christ's name, we welcome you to Eastminster. We hope that you will feel the love and peace of Christ as you worship with us. Please take this time to silence the world and focus your heart and mind on worshipping our Living God.

*“So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory.” Romans 15:7.*

## PRELUDE

*Arrietta: Theme and 3 Variations*

J. Pachelbel

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **Now the earth was formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**

Leader: And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

People: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

All: **In him was life, and that life was the light of all humanity. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #370

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

## \*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 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles Sullivan Lowe *(9:00 am)*

Henry Williams Gandy *(11:15 am)*

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #482 (verses 1 & 2)

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**The heavens declare your glory, O God; they testify to your wonder and provide a backdrop for the sun. Yet we confess that we are often too preoccupied to notice. Your commandments and decrees enlighten our eyes and lighten our hearts. Yet how often it is we forgo the wisdom of your Word for the sensationalism of the latest headline. Forgive us our sin, O Lord, as we silently recommit ourselves to following you....**

## 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 #695

*Change My Heart, O God*

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my hear, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**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

*The Heavens Are Telling*

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of His work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day; the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

## \*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

Parks Bunch

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: **Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10**

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Scripture Focus: Hebrews 1:-4

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

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED

THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Thank You: “Our Self-Disclosing God”

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

## \*CHARGE AND 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

*Toccata*

Giovanni Battista Martini

## \*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 scan the QR code or leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

*Contact the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.*

## DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Charles Sullivan Lowe, son of Kelly and Matthew Lowe, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Jay Hudson will offer the baptismal prayer.

Henry Williams Gandy, son of Kristen and Todd Gandy, will receive the sacrament of baptism this morning at the 11:15 am service. Leigh Pound will offer the baptismal prayer.

## Sept. 24, 2023

9 am Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

11:15 am Installation of the Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, Dr. Mike Bragan preaching

Reception in the CLC to follow immediately after worship.