

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

**Children's ECAMP is Tonight from 5 - 6:30:** Children ages 4K through fifth grade are welcome to join us as we rehearse for our end-of-the-year program on May 5! See emails from Mrs. Stefanie for details.

**Wednesday Evenings @EPC (WE@EPC) Meal, April 24, MENU (5:15 pm):** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tomato Pie, and Garlic Bread. You must RSVP by Wednesday at noon. The last WE@EPC meal is May 1st.

**WE@EPC Lectio Divina Class is April 24:** Led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, this class teaches how to meditate, reflect, and refocus on God and his plan for your life. Meet in the CLC (Room 265) from 6:15 pm - 7 pm.

**DivorceCare continues on April 24 from 6:15 pm -7:30 pm:** These are pastor-led discussions to guide and comfort those who are facing challenges of a broken relationship. This group meets on the following dates: May 15 & May 29, 2024 in Room 351 of the Education Building.

**Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is April 25 from 7 pm until 9 pm:** Gather at the Newsomes' to catch up and pray. Bring a dessert or an appetizer and a canned good for Harvest Hope. Sign up on the website.

**April 28 is Communion Sunday.**

**April 28 is Peanut Butter Sunday.** Your donations each fourth Sunday help fight hunger in The Midlands. Harvest Hope bins can be found in reception areas around campus.

**Join us for the Fireflies Baseball Game, Faith and Family Night, on April 28:** Game begins at 5:05 pm and seats are in the shade behind home plate! Kids will get to run the bases after the game. The cost is \$13/ticket, and you can sign up now.

**EPW Sisters in Christ Dinner is April 30 in Thompson Hall (5:30-7:30 pm):** All ladies are invited! Enjoy dinner and guest speaker, Eastminster's missionary Natalie Hall. The cost is only \$8!

**Next GriefShare is May 8 from 6:15 -7:30 pm (Room 351- Ed Bldg):** For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, come to these pastor-led discussions for hope, help, and healing. GriefShare meets again on May 22, 2024.

**P.I.G. Endowment Dinner and Program is Wednesday, May 1:** Enjoy a barbecue dinner and learn about preparing, investing, and giving from guest speakers and a panel of experts including attorneys Billy Newsome and Bert Brannon, financial advisor Russ Purdy, as well as Stephen Sansbury. Register online today. The dinner begins at 5:15 pm and the program begins at 6:15 pm.

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday is May 5:** Join us in the Courtyard during the Sunday School hour (10 am - 11 am) for coffee and doughnuts.

**Family Promise Event is Now May 19:** (Previously April 28) Volunteers are needed on May 19th at 4 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran Church to attend and meet families at the Palmetto Chamber Orchestra. For more details or to sign up, call Laura Long at 803.530.6731.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 24-27, 2024 (9 am - 12 pm):** Rising 4K through rising 4th graders (\$20) and rising 5th and 6th graders (\$30) will enjoy crafts, games, music, and lessons focused on this year's Bible theme, Camp Firelight. You can register online. Volunteers are needed!

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

**Unison Reading: Psalm 80:1-7**

- <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
<sup>2</sup>before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!  
<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
<sup>6</sup>You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

### SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND STEPHEN SANSBURY  
**HEAD USHER:** DON HELMS (9:00 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. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Bill Collins, Business Manager  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

[www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)

## 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

*Allegretto cantando from Fantasie in ut majeur*

César Franck

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: **He lays down his life for his sheep.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: **He knows us, and we belong to him.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: **He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (9:00 am)

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall (11:15 am)

### \*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.

## CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT, PROFESSION OF FAITH, BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(9:00 am)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Adelaide Ruth Herring (11:15 am)

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

JESUS LOVES ME

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us.**

**We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we**

**fail to love one another, especially those who are different. Lord, have**

**mercy on us, and hear our confessions in this time of 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 #246

*Christ Is Alive!*

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

## 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 ANTHEM

*Psalm CL*

César Franck (1822-1890)

Alleluia. O praise ye the Lord: Praise God in His temple: Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His pow'r. O praise Him for His might, and the greatness of His wonders: O praise, praise Him according to His majesty. Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet: Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp. Praise the Lord with the t'imbrel and dance: O praise Him with the organ and instruments of strings. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

## \*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

Judy Holmes

\*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

**Unison Reading: Psalm 80:1-7**

Scripture Focus: John 10:11-18

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“Applicants Welcomed”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #731

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON

## \*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

*Quasi allegro from Choral No. 3 in A Minor*

César Franck

## \*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:

Adelaide Ruth Herring, daughter of Nate and Rebecca Herring, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Maternal grandmother and previous elder Kathie Williams will give the prayer.

## April 28, 2024

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan