

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Today is Children's Emphasis Sunday at Eastminster. Our Children's Choirs will sing during Traditional worship. Special thanks to Mrs. Carol Anderson for accompanying our EDS singers this morning.

Prayer Cards are Available in our Welcome Centers the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to add a member to our monthly Prayer List, please contact Kelly McGrady (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

Join us Tonight for the ECAMP Finale at 5:30 pm (Sanctuary): This celebratory end-of-year performance by our children's choirs (K4 - fifth grade) is focused on scripture and song, showcasing ECAMP activities. All are welcome!

WE@EPC Meals have ended for the Spring Semester. Meals and fellowship will begin again for our Fall semester.

Next GriefShare is May 8 from 6:15 pm - 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. Our last meeting for this session is on May 22, 2024.

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 12: We will recognize (36) High School Seniors during 11:15 am Traditional worship in the Sanctuary.

Mother's Day Special Offering for Presbyterian Communities on May 12: Your generosity each year benefits Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. Your support to the Mother's Day Offering is vital.

Bible Doers will "Do" on Wednesday, May 15, at the Olivers': Stop by anytime between 6 am and 8 am to help with donations for Transitions. Enjoy fellowship, take a walk, and pray with each other. The coffee is always plentiful and hot! We will take a break from third Wednesdays in June and July and gather again for service on August 14.

DivorceCare continues on May 15 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. Join us in Room 351 of the Education Building. The last meeting for this session will be on May 29, 2024.

Transitions Third Thursday is May 16: Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm, meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or serve the meal at 5 pm. To help, contact Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@email.com.

Beautify Our Church Grounds: Love the outdoors? Join our lawn care team! Help mow, trim, and keep our church looking its best. No experience needed, just an enthusiastic and willing attitude. To join the lawn care team, contact Zack Hudson- hudson@rslolve.com.

2023 Annual Reviews are available in Welcome Centers: and you can also download on online version via our website under "Resources/Publications." If you need a hard copy mailed, please contact the Church Office (803) 256.1654.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of Jayne Walker's baptism by Drew and Katie Alice Walker.

Unison Reading: Dueteronomy 6:1-3

1Now this is the commandment –the statutes and the ordinances-that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy,

2 so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so your days may be long.

3Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND DARRENT KNIGHT
HEAD USHER: JOSH ARD (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (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
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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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

My God Is So Big Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

Galatians 5:13 EDS Threes 9:00 am
Psalm 23:1-6 EDS Fours 11:15 am

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #436 *(Congregation, please join in singing at verse 2)*

Jesus in the Morning TRADITIONAL

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.
2. **Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in morning, praise Him in the noontime. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down.**
3. **Love Him, love Him, love Him in the morning, love Him in the noontime. Love Him, love Him, love Him when the sun goes down.**
4. **Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him in the morning, serve Him in the noontime. Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him when the sun goes down.**
5. **Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him in the morning, thank Him in the noon-time. Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him when the sun goes down.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

*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.

**RESPONSE *(Please send the children forward.)*

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing African American spiritual
EDS Threes (9:00 am)

Alive, Alive Traditional
EDS Fours (11:15 am)

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James McPhail Kennemur *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN *(9:00 am)*

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

A Prayer for Children:

We pray for children Who sneak popsicles before supper, Who erase holes in math workbooks, Who can never find their shoes, And we pray for those Who have no shoes, Who never “counted potatoes,” Who were born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in. Who never go to the circus.

We pray for children Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money. And we pray for those Who never get dessert, Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, Who can't find any bread to steal, Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children who want to be carried And for those who must, For those we never give up on and For those who don't get a second chance. For those we smother...and those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it. We pray for ourselves and for adults everywhere, that we may willingly offer our hearts and hands, our priorities and our prayers, to nurturing children, O God, as you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (Adapted from a prayer by Ina Hughes)

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 #288

Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

I Am His Child Moses Hogan
I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star but what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child. Thank you Lord for hearing ev'ry prayer, Thank you Lord for just being there, Thank you Lord, for I am not worthy of your Love. I thank the Lord for making me his child. So don't sue me or abuse me, for I am His child. Don't tease me or mistreat me, for I'm still His child, you can even talk about me. But I am still His child.

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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

Lucie Eggleston

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-3 Page 157
Scripture Focus: Dueteronomy 6:4-15 Page 157

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Are the Children Our Future?” Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart MARION

*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 face, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*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 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: James McPhail Kennemur, son of Morgan and Will Kennemur, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9:00 am worship service. Deacon Richard Slater will offer the baptismal prayer.

May 12, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith