

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Welcome to **Promotion Sunday** and our regular worship schedule with three services- Traditional at 9 a.m. and 11:15 am in the Sanctuary, and Jubilee Worship at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall (TH).

The Peace Service is Today at 4 p.m. in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH): Every other month, our Congregational Care and Worship and Music ministries offer a Peace service for folks seeking a contemplative worship experience. Please join us. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor who may benefit.

SWAG Elementary Pool & Pizza Party is Tonight from 5 - 6:30 pm at Gregg Park Pool! Join us for fun and fellowship. Chaperones are appreciated! Contact Pastor Croskeys to help.

Bible Doers will “Do” on Wednesday, August 14, at the Olivers’: 6 - 7am, walk and fellowship, 7 - 8a.m. - prepare and pray over pasta salad for Transitions. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Text Beth at 803-622-5384 with any questions.

Join us for Missions Night This Wednesday, August 14, from 5:30 to 7:15 pm: We’ll gather in Thompson Hall for a meal and to listen to voices young and old as they tell their “Stories from the Field.”

Transitions Third Thursday is August 15: Food donations should be dropped off at the church Staff Kitchen by 3 pm. Serve at Transitions beginning at 3:45 pm (package food) or serve the meal at 5 pm. Contact Alison McGowan to help (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

Recruiting for Bradley Lunch Buddies: The Bradley Lunch Buddy program pairs Eastminster members with students for lunch and some reading practice. Your small investment of time can have a big impact! Contact Director Stan Holland to learn more (sholland@eastminsterpres.org).

Adult VBS- “Love at the Heart of Things” is August 18-19: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, professor of Theology and Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC, will preach on Sunday morning and keynote dinner gatherings on Sunday and Monday evenings. RSVP online via Upcoming Events.

All EPC women are invited to EPW’s Prayer Brunch on Wednesday, August 21: led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, from 10 – 11:30 am, in Thompson Hall. Please RSVP by August 16 via Upcoming Events. If you need childcare, please feel free to utilize the EPC Drop-In Nursery.

Faith and Family Night is August 24 at 6:05 pm: Join us at Segra Park for a Fireflies game! Bring your family and friends and join us. Tickets are \$13. Kids get to run the bases and seating is in the shade.

Make Plans to Attend the Christian Life Center’s Fitness Open House, August 25: From 5-6:30 pm, meet our personal trainers and fitness instructors of NEW classes! Choose three sample classes, try fitness equipment, and taste healthy bites. Free event, childcare included. RSVP online (Upcoming Events).

Register Today for EPC’s Small Groups Kickoff Dinner, September 5: Join us from 5:15 to 7 p.m. with featured speaker, Dr. Steve Eason, author of *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*. RSVP online. Email cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to join a new Small Group.

Sundays@5 Adult Evening Class, Led by Dr. Douglass Key, Begins September 8 as part of our church-wide Fall study on Rick Lawrence’s book, *Editing Jesus: Confronting the Distorted Faith of the American Church*. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) as we regroup for a new year of faith formation and fellowship. A repeat of Sunday’s class will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in Room E-357 beginning September 10.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children’s Afternoon Music Program) Starts Sunday, September 8 (5 - 6:30 pm) for children ages K4-fifth grade. Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm. for Bible Study, songs, musical activities and dinner. Register via Upcoming Events on our website!

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Wilson Schultz by his parents.

Unison Reading: Psalm 25:1-5

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CAROLYN STODDARD AND GEORGE HUTTON
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG

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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
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
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Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Christy Rippy, Treasurer
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

Passacaglia in D Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Isaiah 40:31

Leader: They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: **They shall mount up with wings as eagles.**

Leader: They shall run and not be weary.

People: **They shall walk and not faint.**

All: **Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

*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

Allen Nathaniel Wilkerson, Jr. *(9:00 am)*

John Wilson Schultz *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

O Lord our God, forgive us when we fail to be people of hope. You provide stories of hope in Scripture. You bear witness to hope in the life of Jesus of Nazareth and in the new growth of every bloom of spring-time. Forgive us, O God, when we let discouragement take root within us. Forgive us when we dwell on the darkness and fail to open ourselves to Your wonder and hope. In the sure hope of Your forgiveness help us confess our waywardness 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 #437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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

The Power of the Cross

arr. Mark Hayes

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross. Now the day-light flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross. O to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love! This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

*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

George Kennedy

*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 25:1-5

Scripture Focus: Hebrews 10:19-25

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Summer Cheer"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*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

"Little" Prelude in C Major

Johann S. Bach

*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:

Allen Nathaniel Wilkerson, Jr., son of Allen and Elizabeth Wilkerson, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Peyton Bryant will offer the baptismal prayer.

John Wilson Schultz, son of Scott and Molly Schultz, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Phil McCrory, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

August 18, 2024

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson Hasty