

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

**VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG—All are invited to sing

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF PRAISE—All are invited to sing

Holy Spirit

B. Torwalt/K. Torwalt

(After the song, 3K—5K children may be dismissed to Children's Church)

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Unison Reading: Luke 20:45-21:4 Scripture Focus: Luke 13:10-17

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Bradlev D. Smith

"Does Jesus Have a Double Standard?"

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND LORD'S PRAYER

**TIME OF OFFERING**Officer's Prayer: Simmons Purdy

**SONG OF OFFERING**—All are invited to listen and reflect O the Blood

T. Miller/M.E. Miller

\*SONG OF RESPONSE—All are invited to sina

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*WE RESPOND TO THE BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

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.

## **WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER**

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.



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

**Today is Emergency Procedures Awareness Sunday.** The EPC Safety Committee realizes the importance of 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 <u>not</u> evacuate.

**First Step Class Kicks off Today:** Interested in membership at Eastminster? It's not too late to register for the First Step Class. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to sign up and then join us on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (10 am) in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). You will hear from pastors and ministry leaders about all the ways Eastminster serves, learns, and fellowships together as a church family. Contact Lib Foster with Membership & Outreach Ministries if you have questions (Ifoster@eastminsterpres.org).

**Today is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Thank you for your donations each fourth Sunday. Please find a Harvest Hope bin in our reception areas around campus. This Eastminster outreach helps fight hunger in the Midlands.

**Sundays@5 Adult Evening Class Led by Dr. Douglass Key is tonight:** a church-wide Fall study on Rick Lawrence's book, *Editing Jesus*. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). A repeat class will be on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Room E-357.

**ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) is tonight** from 5 - 6:30 pm) for children ages K4-fifth grade. Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, and musical activities followed by dinner. Don't forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer to help out.

**WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, September 25, in Thompson Hall:** Join us at 5:15 pm for dinner before class. MENU: Beef Tips and Mushroom Gravy, Brown Onion Rice, Steamed Broccoli & Rolls - Kids Meal: Cheeseburger Sliders. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Visit Ministries/Fellowship/RSVP at www.eastminsterpres.org.

**WE@EPC Bible 101 Class, Led by Dr. Brad Smith and Dr. Ben Sloan Wednesdays:** at 6 pm in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) for anyone who wants to learn the basics of scripture. We will be using *The Bible from Scratch* by Donald L. Griggs, and various Bible Project videos to survey and get an overview of the Old and New Testaments.

**WE@EPC Parenting Class, Led by Dr. Douglass Key on Wednesdays:** "Practical Tools for Raising Faithful Kids" is a six-week conversation for parents. We'll meet in Rooms 271-273 (CLC).

**Youth Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Studies:** Bible Studies are from 6 - 7:30 pm for Middle School Youth, and from 7 - 8:30 pm for High School Youth. Middle School will meet on the third floor (CLC), and then can be picked up at the gym. High School will meet and have dinner on the third floor (CLC).

**Recruiting for Bradley Lunch Buddies and Bradley Backpack Volunteers!** Help a student with reading during lunch on Tuesdays (October 8, October 22, November 12 and December 10, 2024), or deliver weekend meals on Friday mornings. To learn more about Bradley service opportunities, contact Stan Holland (<a href="mailto:sholland@eastminsterpres.org">sholland@eastminsterpres.org</a>).

**Invitation to Change (ITC) will take a break during the month of September:** ITC is a community that welcomes family and friends of those struggling with substance abuse issues. We will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays beginning on October 10th.

**Deacons serving in Worship today:**Simmons Purdy and Will Brearley

