

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 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 not 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 (lfoster@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 (sholland@eastminsterpres.org).

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.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Jack William Wolfe, III, by his grandparents, Kathy and Jack Wolfe.

UNISON READING: Luke 20:45-21:4

⁴⁵In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, ⁴⁶"Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁷They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

²¹He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ²he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PARKS BUNCH AND KAREN HUDGENS
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) AND WILSON MCDONALD (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
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
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James Cassidy, A/V Director

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



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 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

Meditation

Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

*STATEMENT OF FAITH *(Unison)*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

(From Confession of 1967, 9.07)

**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

Jack William Wolfe III *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETFLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Gracious God, forgive us our enthusiasm in following others, and our reticence in following you. We follow fashions, friends and celebrities. We follow sports teams and the markets. We follow our children and grandchildren. But you, O Lord, we follow only loosely, or at a distance, or only selectively. You alone give true life, yet we stuff ourselves in ways that leave us yearning. Forgive us, and hear the confessions of our hearts in this silence....

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 #175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

1. **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**
2. **Ask, and it shall be given unto you seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**
3. **You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!**

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

*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

Madison Dye

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Does Jesus Have a Double Standard?”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

*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

Processional n G Major

Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel

*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. Our next class will begin September 22, 2024 in the Adult Reception Hall.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Jack William Wolfe III, son of Jack and Bailey Wolfe, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Paternal grandfather Jack Wolfe will offer the baptismal prayer.

September 29, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith