

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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 Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Room E-357.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) is Tonight for K4-K5 Singers: (5 - 6:30 pm). Elementary singers should join Croskeys for SWAG. Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, musical activities and dinner. Don't forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer to help out.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) is Tonight for First - Fifth Graders: (5 - 6:30 pm) in the CLC Gym! We will compete in the SWAG-Olympics for fun and prizes, have a devotional & pizza (\$3.00) and pray for those who are experiencing hunger in The Midlands. Bring a canned good for Harvest Hope. Parents, if you can chaperone, extra hands are always needed. Drop off (Thompson Hall) and pick up (GYM).

WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, October 2, in Thompson Hall: Join us at 5:15 pm for dinner before class. MENU: Panko Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Mixed Vegetables & Rolls - Kids Meal: Meatloaf. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Visit Ministries/Fellowship/RSVP at www.eastminsterpres.org. New Pricing: Children 0-5: FREE, Children 6-9:\$4.00, and 10+:\$8. There is no household cap. Please pay with cash or check at the door.

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 ending on October 30. We meet in Rooms 271-273 (CLC).

Recruiting for CHAMPS (Communities Helping & Assisting Motivating Promising Students): We are seeking adult leaders for our Steering Committee and Parent Council. Are you an enlightened leader with a passion for making a meaningful impact on the community? CHAMPS is a dynamic, growing program dedicated to empowering underserved youth to reach their fullest potential. If you are interested in joining CHAMPS in a leadership role, please contact Stan Holland, Director. of CHAMPS, (sholland@eastminsterpres.org).

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 Resume Meeting in October: ITC is a community that welcomes family and friends of those struggling with substance abuse issues. In October, we will begin meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays, October 10 and October 24. Contact Susan Ratteree (emilyd@sc.rr.com).

Middle School Lock-Out is from 7 pm Friday, October 11 until 7 am on Saturday morning. See GroupMe Texts from Emily Higgins, Director. of MS Youth. Drop-off and pick-up in the CLC parking lot.

EPW's Next Prayer Breakfast is October 15, at 8:30 am, in Thompson Hall: All ladies are invited to attend. Join us for fellowship and prayer over a delicious breakfast. Please RSVP by October 10.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Fordham Wardlaw Hammond by his family.

UNISON READING: Matthew 8:14-22

¹⁴When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; ¹⁵he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. ¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ²¹Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: GEORGE HUTTON AND CHESLEY GOOD
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY (9:00 AM) AND BILL STALLINGS (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
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 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

With a Joyful Heart

Susan Geschke

Memorial Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God from the ends of the Earth!

People: **God who created us now says, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;**

Leader: “I have called you by name, you are mine.

People: **“When you pass through the waters I will be with you;**

Leader: “And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

People; **“For I am the Lord your God, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes.”**

All: **Let us praise the Lord, our God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*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

Fordham Wardlaw Hammond *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Jesus Love Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

1. **Jesus loves me! This I know; for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

2. **Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide. He will wash away my sin. Let his little child come in. Refrain**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Dear Gracious God, we confess that we are a people of disparities and divisions, of pride and of prejudice. All too often we take the path of comfort and ease, blindly bypassing some of your beloved children. Convict us, O King. Convict us, transform us, and forgive us. Open our hearts and hands, O Creator, that we would not merely speak your name and sing your praise, but that we would follow you, generously loving others as you in Jesus the Christ first love us....

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

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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 Stranger's Guise

Karen Marroli

We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the list'ning place. And with the sacred name of the Triune God, he blessed us and our house, and our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: “Often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.”

Celtic Rune of Hospitality

*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 Hutton

*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

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Raising the Foundations of Many Generations”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*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

Allegro Moderato

Hermann Schroeder

*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 began September 22, 2024 in the Adult Reception Hall.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Fordham Wardlaw Hammond, son of Clay and Stefanie Hammond, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Adam Hegler will offer the baptismal prayer.

October 6, 2024

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key