

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Thank you to Mrs. Stefanie and Ms. Chelse for leading our ECAMP Singers this morning. Save the date: Children's Music Camp July 15-17.

Children of All Ages are Invited to an "Egg Scramble": Meet us on the Field across Trenholm Road today from 4 until 5 pm. We'll enjoy fellowship, crafts, inflatables, snacks, and hunting for 2,500 eggs- Families with babies through fifth graders are welcome.

Witness at the Cross and NED Revelation Study (Sundays@5) end tonight. More information on NED Summer offerings for adults, including combined Sunday School and Adult VBS to come in May.

Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow: at 10 am in Thompson Hall. Join us for fellowship and a time of study. Circles One and Three meet on the second Monday of the month. All EPC women are invited to join us.

Bible Doers Will "Do" on Wednesday, April 16, at Laura and Kevin Long's: 6 - 7 am, walk and fellowship, 7 - 8 am, prepare and pray over pasta salad for Transitions. Stop by any time (1627 Roslyn Dr.). Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Email Laura with questions at llong@eastminsterpres.org.

Transitions Third Thursday Service Opportunities April 17: Meet us at Transitions at 11:30 am to serve lunch, or provide food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, bottled water, and bananas) by 3 pm for dinner (Staff Kitchen). You may package food at EPC at 3:45 pm, or serve dinner at 5 pm at Transitions. Sign up to volunteer for either AM or PM meal support via Upcoming Events.

Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is April 24, at the Hudgens' from 7:00 until 9:00 pm.: Anyone in their 50s - 70s is welcome to join us! RSVP and sign up to bring a dessert or appetizer on our website. To host a future Lightly Seasoned Social, email co-chairs Lauri Moore (laurimoore8@gmail.com) or Jennifer Rayfield (jenray2001@gmail.com).

Peanut Butter Sunday is April 27: Thank you to all who bring jars of peanut butter on fourth Sundays. Please drop off your donations in the Harvest Hope bins in our reception areas.

Confirmation Sunday is April 27: This morning our Confirmands have their Exam in the CLC during the Sunday School hour. \ On the 27th, EPC's 2025 Confirmands will be recognized during the 11:15 am Sanctuary worship service.

Join us for a Community Concert on April 27 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary: to benefit The Cooperative Ministry. Eastminster's Chancel Choir, The Sandlapper Singers, She Sings, and a chamber orchestra will collaborate for an inspiring afternoon of music for members and our community.

May 4 is Children's Emphasis Sunday: We are thankful for all of the children at EPC and EDS, and for faithful parents, teachers, and staff who are guiding them as they grow in their faith.

"The Blessing of the Animals" Peace Service is on May 4: at 4 pm on the Field across Trenholm. Our service will be led by Pastor Emily and comes from *The Book of Common Worship*. Bring your pets and a lawn chair and join us.

CLC Blood Drive is May 4 from 9 am until 2 pm: Give the gift of life! You will be able to sign up online very soon. There will be a blood mobile in the CLC parking lot.

EPW's Sisters in Christ Dinner is on May 6: at 5:30 pm in Thompson Hall. All women are invited and you may RSVP under Upcoming Events on our website. Lifetime Member Awards will be announced during a delicious meal with friends. The cost is only \$8. Please join us.

Flowers in the narthex are given in honor of the wedding of Caroline Chester and Harrison Long.

UNISON READING: Luke 22:47-53

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

SERMON NOTES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, **Thompson Hall**, 7 pm

Friday, April 18:

Good Friday Service, **Sanctuary**, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20:

Sunrise Service, **Courtyard**, 6:30 am

Traditional Easter Services, **Sanctuary**, 8:45 and 10:30 am

Courtyard Celebration, 9:45 am

Contemporary Easter Service, **Thompson Hall**, 10:30 am

DEACONS: SALLIE JAMESON AND MATT RIDDLE
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) AND MICHAEL GORMAN (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

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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

Passion Chorale Johannes Brahms

INTROIT (9:00 AM)

Walk with Me Martin/Nix

Come and take a walk with me. We will follow Jesus. Oh, the wonders we will see when we follow Jesus. Everyday and every night, He will lead us with His light. Come and take a walk with me. We will follow Jesus. Come and take a walk with me. We will follow Jesus. Oh, the wonders we will see when we follow Jesus. When we’re young or when we’re grown, we will never walk alone. Come and take a walk with me. We will follow Jesus. We have decided to follow Jesus! We have decided to follow Jesus! We have decided to follow Jesus! No turning back! No turning back! **We have decided to follow Jesus! We have decided to follow Jesus! We have decided to follow Jesus! No turning back! No turning back!**
ECAMP Singers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A large crowd took their cloaks and branches from the trees and spread them on the road, shouting:

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

People: **The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

All: **Give thanks to Him; bless His holy name!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMB

*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.

**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 may come to the front and bring their offering.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emma Ryan Sullivan (9:00 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this day, Lord Jesus, we picture ourselves waving palm branches and shouting “hosanna!” But we are also like the Scribes and Pharisees in plotting and planning to get what we want. We see ourselves like the disciples when they did well. But we are also like the disciples in denying, doubting and even betraying You. Forgive us, O Lord, for not following you to the end, and hear now the silent confessions of our hearts

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 #718 (all verses)

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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

There Is a Green Hill Herbert Sumsion

There is a green hill far away, Without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified Who died to save us all. We may not know, we cannot tell, What pains he had to bear. But we believe it was for us He hung and suffer’d there. He died that we might be forgiv’n. He died to make us good; That we might go at last to heav’n sav’d by his precious blood. There was no other good enough To pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate of heav’n and let us in. O dearly, dearly has he lov’d And we must love him too, And trust in his redeeming blood, And try his works to do.

Mrs. C. F. Alexander

*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

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“The Upside Down Way of Jesus: Would You?”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #443 verse 2

There is a Redeemer GREEN

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

POSTLUDE

A Lamb Goes and Bears the Guilt Johann Pachelbel

*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 group, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:

Emma Ryan Sullivan, daughter of Patrick and Dani Sullivan, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Richard Slater will offer the baptismal prayer.

April 20, 2025-Easter Day

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Luke 24:13-35

“The Upside Down Way of Jesus: Burning Hearts and Opened Eyes”