WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND SPECIAL GUESTS: Gina Brinson (Ruling Elder, Shandon), Ann Cameron (Ruling Elder, Eastminster), Karen Newsome (Teaching Elder) Phyllis Sanders (Ruling Elder), Jim St. John (Teaching Elder, retired)

#### \*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 scan the QR code or leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

#### **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

Join us for the First Step Class that began today! At First Step, you'll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Stefanie Hammond. (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

#### **September 28, 2025**

Dr. J. Ben Sloan Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Know Him and Make Him Known"

#### Unison Reading: Exodus 3:1-5

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

DEACONS: JONI RICHARDSON AND ROBERT SIMMONS
HEAD USHER: BILL COGGINS (11:15 AM)
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#### MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

#### **STAFF**

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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#### WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is the Service of Installation for Reverend Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor: for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults, during Blended Worship at 11:15 in the Sanctuary. A reception in the Courtyard will follow worship with light refreshments in celebration of Rob, Melissa, and Harris Schoonover.

The First Step Class for Guests interested in Membership at Eastminster: begins today. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) during the Sunday School hour (10 am - 11 am). Take the "First Step" to learn the many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Stefanie Hammond. (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key continues tonight: (Gray Music Room). Join us for a biblical case-study to learn what true surrender to God's sovereignty looks like. If you missed last Sunday's class, access the video on our website under the Adults Ministry tab.

**Sundays@5 Women's Bible Study on Revelation returns tonight**: at 5 pm in Room E-353. This five-week study is a continuation led by Emily Craig. Contact Marsha Moseley (mhmoseley11@gmail.com) with questions.

Kingdom Kids (4K-2nd) and Club 345 (3rd, 4th & 5th) meet tonight from 5 - 6:30 pm: Kingdom Kids drop off in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop off in Room 256 of the Education Building. This ministry is thriving with over one hundred children on Sunday nights. Extra hands are needed and appreciated. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help out (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

**WE@EPC Meals and Classes on Wednesdays:** Join us in Thompson Hall for dinner at 5:15 pm before class. To view the menu and RSVP, visit the "Ministries" button on our website and select "Membership & Outreach." It is in the grey menu to the right. You may pay online or at the door when you get here (Pricing: Children 0-8 \$4, Youth & Adults 9+ \$8).

**WE@EPC** Marriage Enrichment Class with Dr. Douglass Key: (through 11/19) in Room E-357 is a chance for married couples of all ages to do a milestone check-up. Join us to see where you are and learn ways to strengthen your relationship. Our class begins at 6 pm. Please sign up soon under Upcoming Events so Douglass can email helpful pre-class materials.

**WE@EPC** Introduction to the New Testament with Dr. Ben Sloan: (through 11/19) in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) is a chance for busy adults to take a high-level look at the New Testament. The video component is the *Disciple Bible Study*. Sign up via Upcoming Events and join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Cancer Care Support Meeting is this Wednesday, September 24th: at 6 pm (Room E-351), with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Join us for God-led discussions in a safe space for sharing with others who may be struggling. No sign-up needed. Friends are welcome. Join us for dinner in Thompson Hall beforehand.

**Support Bradley Elementary Students with Weekend Food**: Contact Julia White (<u>igwhite4@gmail.com</u>) for more information about our partnership with Bradley Elementary to send nutritious food home with students on weekends.

Reception on September 28th in honor of and thanksgiving for Rev. Dr. Ben Sloan: in the Courtyard following 11:15 am worship services. Ben will be serving as the interim pastor at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. Please stop by to thank Ben and Kay for their time and service at Eastminster.

EPW Circles One and Three Meet October 13th, at 10 am, in Thompson Hall: Join us for fellowship and a devotional. Eastminster Presbyterian Women's Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

# Sunday, September 21, 2025 11:15 AM



Service of

Installation

for

Rev. Robert Schoonover



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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 worshiping our Living God.

"So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory." Romans 15:7.

**PRELUDE** 

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

#### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Clap you hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of

joy.

People: For the Most High is awesome, sovereign over all the earth.

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: It is good to sing praises to the Lord our God.

All: Let us come into God's presence with gratitude, joy and

celebration!

#### **†\*SONG OF PRAISE**

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Matheson/Miner

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

#### \*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K and 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you called the church into being and you mark us as your own in baptism. Holy as you are, we confess that we resist your Spirit's presence and work among us. We do not share the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Forgive us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit even in this time of silent prayer...

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### 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

Abide With Me Lyte/Smith

\*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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## SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

In Christ Alone K. Getty/K. Getty

### OFFICER'S PRAYER

Unison Reading: Exodus 3:1-5

Pastor: Exodus 3:6-12

Scripture Focus: John 13:1-5; 12-17 Page 101

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

#### \*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.

#### THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Elder Gina Brinson

George Kennedy

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Leader: There are different gifts.

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
Leader: There are different ways of serving God.
People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different persons in different ways.

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through

them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit. **People:** To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ. **People:** And individually members of him.

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you,

he must be the slave of all."

People: Just as Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and to give

his life to set others free.

# PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR ELECT BY ELDER ANN CAMERON, CHAIRPERSON OF THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Robert Schoonover to be installed as Associate Pastor."

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR-ELECT

Rev. Karen Newsome

- 1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- 3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- 4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- 5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- 6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- 7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- 8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- 9. Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dr. Phyllis Sanders

- 1. Do you, the members of the church, accept Robert Schoonover as your Associate Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide you in the way of Jesus Christ?
- 2. Do you agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
- 3. Do you promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among you; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will you listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

#### INSTALLATION PRAYER

Rev. Dr. James I. St. John

#### THE DECLARATION

Robert Schoonover, you are now a minister of the Word in and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder Ann Cameron

#### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

BENEDICTION

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

Rev. Robert Schoonover

## RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

**POSTLUDE**