



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BUILDING TOGETHER THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:1-16

March 9, 2025

~ *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD* ~

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Oboe
Clara Vargas, oboist

Ennio Morricone

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRAYER

Mark Sauls

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**We stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is spoken in unison.*)

Mark Sauls

When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

There is Christ, who reaches out to us.

When the world seems dark, and despairs threaten to close in upon us;

There is Christ, reaching out for us.

Come and let us worship the Lord, who is always ready to reach out to us.

We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 151**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

~ BEING RENEWED IN GRACE ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joshua Vasquez-Burke

God, you call us,
but we ignore your voice.
You speak to us,
but we are too busy to listen.

You invite us to see the good things you are doing, even in difficult places and through difficult circumstances,
But our eyes are closed, and we refuse to look and see.

You ask us to join in your work, to be a part of the renewal of the world,
but we think the price is too high, the people not deserving, or the people and creation to be someone else's responsibility.

You call us to serve others,
but we think only of ourselves.

In the midst of the wilderness of this world and our lives, you are doing a good thing,
but we prefer to stay in a comfortable place. We lose patience, demanding you act, instead of resting in you.

Forgive us for all we have done that goes against your will and for not doing the things you have asked of us. Help us to turn back to you, commit ourselves to follow you, and lead lives of service, even in the wilderness. *(We continue in silent prayer.)* **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joshua Vasquez-Burke

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Joshua Vasquez-Burke

~ HEARING THE WORD ~

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mark Sauls

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible O.T. p. 226
Joshua Vasquez-Burke

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Heart's Desire
Clara Vargas, oboist

David Schwoebel

One thing have I desired, one thing will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. That I may dwell and behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. One thing have I desired, one thing will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-15

Pew Bible N.T. p. 74
Rev. Jeanine Fulton**SERMON**

From Satan's Hood to Servanthood

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

~ *RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING* ~***HYMN NO. 235***Take the Name of Jesus with You*

PRECIOUS NAME

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH(The Apostles' Creed may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal.)*

Joshua Vasquez-Burke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER*(The Lord's Prayer may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal.)*

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

CALL FOR OFFERING

Joshua Vasquez-Burke

OFFERTORY*Come to Me*
Jarius Cliett

Dan Forrest

Come to me, all you who labor. Come to me, and I will give you rest. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly, see how great my love for you, that I have called you, my child. Come to me, all you who labor. Come to me, and I will give you rest. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come to me, Come.

DOXOLOGYPraise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

~ *GOING FORTH TO SHARE THE WORD* ~***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me*

Jack White

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in God and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and the Lord will be my Savior.

We invite you to enjoy the postlude or gather in the narthex for fellowship.

POSTLUDE*Toccata on "Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand"*

Marguerite S. Wood

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### Visitor Information

- ❖ Our worship service is streamed live on YouTube at 10:30 AM every Sunday and can be accessed from our website at [www.eastminster.us/sundays](http://www.eastminster.us/sundays).
- ❖ Hearing assistive devices are available. Please see a greeter for a device.
- ❖ We offer adult and children's Sunday school.
- ❖ Childcare is available for young children in room 222.
- ❖ If you are interested in joining or desire more information about Eastminster, please speak with the pastor or a member after the service.

### Membership at Eastminster Presbyterian Church

If you are reading this information in our worship bulletin, you are already welcome. At Eastminster, all are invited to participate in our activities and ministries, regardless of membership. However, by becoming a member, you will gain a voice and a vote in congregational meetings and can more fully express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church.

Individuals may join the church in one of the following ways:

- Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized)
- Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church)
- Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active role of another church and wishing to move their membership)
- Affiliate Membership (for members of another Christian body who wish to be received by the Session of Eastminster)

Affiliate members may participate fully in church life, except they cannot vote in congregational meetings or be elected to ordered ministry or any office.

Contributions to Eastminster Presbyterian Church can be made using the provided pew envelopes or online by visiting our website at [www.eastminster.us/giving](http://www.eastminster.us/giving)

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*Called by the grace of God and empowered through the Holy Spirit, Eastminster Presbyterian Church seeks to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people both near and far through proclamation, nurture, and mission.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We invite those on the aisle seat to sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

**Today is the Hunger Walk/Run 5K. Festivities begin at 12pm with the 5K fun run/walk at 2 PM, at the Home Depot Backyard, Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Eastminster is participating in the 2025 Hunger Walk and you are invited to participate or sponsor a participant! The cost to walk is \$30 and it is a great opportunity to support a hunger ministry, get outside, and walk with family and church members. More information can be found at [www.eastminster.us/hungerwalk](http://www.eastminster.us/hungerwalk).**

**Please join us for our Wednesday Night dinner and program on March 12.** Dinner will include chili and baked potatoes, cornbread, chocolate pudding, and drinks. We will eat at 5:30 PM in Founders Hall and at 6:00 PM we will gather in the Adult Center to watch an episode of *The Chosen* series. Meals are \$12 per person or \$6 per child 12 years or younger. Email your reservations by Sunday, March 9 to [office@eastminster.us](mailto:office@eastminster.us) or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Reservations will not be accepted after Sunday.

You're invited to a morning of delicious food and friendly competition! **Join us on Saturday, March 15th, starting at 8:30 AM for Pancakes & Pickleball.** Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast in Founders Hall from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM, then head to the gym for pickleball. Whether you prefer to watch experienced players in action or jump in and learn the game yourself, there's something for everyone. Come for the pancakes, stay for the fun—we hope to see you there!

**A Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 16 at 12 PM in the Adult Center.**

Save the Date! Join us for our **Youth Faith Forum on Wednesday, March 19, 6 PM to 7:30 PM.** Bring your friends, enjoy dinner, and get ready for engaging conversations about faith, ethics, and the life choices that matter most.

**Heritage Sunday is March 23.** If you would like to share your family's heritage/culture with your Eastminster family, please fill out an informational form and return it to the office. The information gathered will be shared in the Witness email. Forms are available in the Narthex and may be left in the offering plate.

**End of Life Issues with Rev. Dr. Trisha Senterfitt, Preparing Well for Elder Years.** A Seminar on Thoughtful Aging and Family Communication, Saturday, March 29, from 9 AM – 12 PM. For more information and to reserve a place, email Rev. Dr. Trisha Senterfitt at [tsenterfitt@gmail.com](mailto:tsenterfitt@gmail.com).

Register Now! **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World Vacation Bible School, June 23-26, 9am - 12:30pm.** Ages 3 - 12. New this year, teens 13-18 are invited to join us as Teen Crew Leaders. VBS Registration and Teen Crew Leader applications are available on our website.

## THIS WEEK AT EASTMINSTER

### **Sunday, March 9 – First Sunday of Lent**

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (birth - 12 years) – Room 222 - 224
- Adult Sunday School – Adult Center
- Simple Matters Small Group - Youth Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Music Committee Meeting – Adult Center
- 2:00 p.m. Hunger 5K Run/Walk – Home Depot Backyard - 1 Backyard Way, Atlanta, GA 30313

### **Monday, March 10**

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Rick's Bible Study – Zoom 1
- 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 876 – Gym

### **Tuesday, March 11**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room 225
- Al-Anon – Room 325
- 5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting – Adult Center/Zoom 1
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Zoom 2

### **Wednesday, March 12**

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – Founders Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Weekday Ministries Committee Meeting – Zoom 1
- 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting – Zoom 2
- 4:30 p.m. Ways and Means Committee Meeting – Conference Room 225
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir – Room 136
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner – Founders Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### **Thursday, March 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Marys & Marthas Bible Study – Youth Room
- 7:30 p.m. Pickleball - Gym

### **Friday, March 14 – Office Closed**

- 9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour from Home – Zoom 1

### **Saturday, March 15**

- 8:30 a.m. Pancakes & Pickleball – Founders Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Pickleball – Gym

### **Sunday, March 16**

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (birth - 12 years) – Room 222 - 224
- Adult Sunday School – Adult Center
- Simple Matters Small Group - Youth Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Adult Center