

# Join Us This Spring!



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



EASTER DAY, APRIL 20, 2025



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Columbia, South Carolina

EASTER

April 20, 2025

God Calls Us to Gather and Worship

AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY

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

Entrata Festiva, Opus 93

Flor Peeters

Christ o’er pow’reth, Christ now reigneth, Christ doth command.

WELCOME

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

INTROIT

The Earth Is Risen

Gwyneth Walker

Now the earth is ris’n again from the Winter’s bond and pain. Bring we leaf and flow’r and spray to adorn this Easter, this holy day. Once again the word comes true. All the earth is born anew. Now the coldest days are o’er and light and gladness as before. How our hearts leap with the Spring! How our voices soar and sing! Life has triumphed over death, and beauty sings on ev’ry breath. O sing, my soul! Change, then, mourning into praise. With loudest voices anthems raise. All our fears and griefs shall be lost in immortality. How our hearts leap with the Spring! How our spirits soar and sing! For now, beyond the depths of pain, all the earth is risen. Christ the Lord is risen again.

Samuel Longfellow (1812-1892)  
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: There will be hurricanes and floods, heartache and suffering.

P: The darkness is real, but it does not have the last word.

L: Light has dawned, the stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty!

P: Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah, amen!

†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.    \*\*CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

We welcome the following musicians to worship this morning: Gage Banks, Nathan Doubledee, Ethan Bautz, Cameron Duncan, Benjamin Pouncey, Julia Ross, Jackson Shaw, and Micah Sullivan.

Thank you for your Easter Lily Dedications. You may pick up a lily to take home after this morning’s 10:30 am worship services.

There are no Sunday Evening Programs Tonight. Eastminster’s facilities are closed tomorrow, April 21.

Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is this Thursday, April 24, at the Hudgens’: from 7 until 9 pm. We are a social group in our 50s - 70s. Please reconnect with us. You may RSVP and sign up to bring a dessert or appetizer on our website. To host a future Lightly Seasoned Social, email Lauri Moore ([laurimoore8@gmail.com](mailto:laurimoore8@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Rayfield ([jenray2001@gmail.com](mailto:jenray2001@gmail.com)), our Lightly Seasoned Co-chairs.

Confirmation Sunday is April 27: Confirmands and their families are invited to breakfast in the CLC Gym, at 10 am. Please RSVP to Janice Blair at [jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org). Confirmands will be recognized during 11:15 am worship in the Sanctuary. Thank you officers for your time last Sunday mentoring these youth as they shared their faith statements.

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.

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 evening 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 Road. Our service will be led by Pastor Emily and comes from *The Book of Common Worship*. Our offering will be donations for Howlmore Animal Sanctuary. 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 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.!

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 11: when we will celebrate and recognize our EPC’s 2025 High School graduates during the 11:15 am worship service in the Sanctuary.

Join us on Memorial Day Weekend for Breakfast and Blended Worship on Sunday, May 25: Intergenerational Breakfast will be at 9 am in Thompson Hall (no Sunday School) followed by one blended worship service at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Join us for fellowship and worship!

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 23-26, 2025 (9 am - 12 pm): Rising 4K through rising 4th graders (\$20) and rising 5th and 6th graders (\$30) will enjoy crafts, games, music, and lessons focused on this year’s Bible theme, “Live It Out.” We’ll discover how to “love like Jesus.” Register your child online. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Take a look at ways to serve during VBS and sign up to volunteer via the registration form on our Upcoming Event on the website.

DEACONS: KAREN HUDGENS AND ROBERT SIMMONS  
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (8:45 AM) BILL COGGINS (10:30 AM)

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STAFF

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor  
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Rev. Emily Mooneyhan  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

In memory of Charlie Weston, and Hal Lane - Ellen Moore

**One God, now and forever. Amen**

**God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

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

the glory, forever. Amen.

arr. Dan Forrest

heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFICER’S PRAYER

John Hart

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Luke 24:1-5

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But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Scripture Focus: Luke 24:13-35

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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: Burning Hearts and Opened Eyes”

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #238

Thine is the Glory!

MACCABEUS

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!  
And he shall reign for ever and ever!

King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign forever and ever! Forever and ever!

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphonie V, Op. 42, No.1

Charles-Marie Widor

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?

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.

April 27, 2025

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key  
Confirmation Sunday

Memorials and Honoraria



In honor of Liz Agee - ditto - from Sam  
In loving memory of Joe and Clarissa Anderson by Joe and Carol Anderson  
In loving memory of Furman and Evelyn Gerrard by Joe and Carol Anderson  
In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Foster, Clarke, Evelyn, Ivy, Yates and Wren by Joe and Carol Anderson  
In memory of Faye Jeffcoat by Carol Anderson  
In loving memory of Rhett Barker, Shellie Barker, Andy Greenberg and Emma Lafitte by Jake and Mary Barker  
In loving memory of Roy, Sarah and Steve Bates - Ginger, Reese and Tucker Bates  
In loving memory of Florence Fowler and in honor of Lewis Fowler - Ginger, Reese and Tucker Bates  
In loving memory of Brian Bates - Ginger, Reese and Tucker Bates  
In loving memory of Emilie and Keith Benson, Paul Benson, and Martha and Jack Beighley by Phyllis and George Beighley, George Beighley Jr. and Kathryn Beighley Dinkins  
In honor of and in response to the blessing of my family: Lyndey, Ellery, Addy, Sharon, Steve, Paige, Cordes, and Baxter, from Peyton Bryant.  
In honor of Parks Bunch and the property committee who work so hard to make our church facilities operate well, from Peyton Bryant  
In honor of Simmons Purdy and my friends on the Stewardship Committee, from Peyton Bryant  
Remembering Wayne Corley "Pops." We miss you everyday - Love, Kendall, Chris and JJ  
In honor of Sharmin Hill with deep appreciation for your faithful leadership, servant heart and gift of friendship. With lots of love, from your Small Group.  
In loving memory of Carl L. Salisbury Jr from Sarah, Alex and Hank Dillard  
In loving memory of Meg Dillard, from Jim Dillard  
In loving memory of Meg Dillard, from Alex, Sarah and Hank Dillard  
In honor and memory of my wife, Dale - Wayne Earhardt  
In honor of my children, grandchildren, daughter-in-law and S.H.  
In loving memory of my dear Nana, Kathleen Berry Hopkins. Though we deeply miss her, we find comfort and rejoice in knowing that she has been reunited with God and her beloved husband, my grandfather - Ann & Jordan Foster  
In loving memory of Jane's parents, Frank and Dorothy McFaddin, given by Bill and Jane Francis  
In loving memory of Bill's parents, Marion and Jane Francis, given by Bill and Jane Francis  
In loving memory of Jane's siblings, Frank McFaddin, Jr., Jack McFaddin, Lorraine M. Walker and Henry McFaddin, given by Bill and Jane Francis  
In memory of Bartow Gilbert, with love and fond remembrance from Betty and family