

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday: If you would like to have in-home communion, please contact the Church Office.

Bradley Lunch Buddies Needed...Mentor a Student this Fall: Beginning in mid-September, additional volunteers are needed to help students with reading. We'll meet two Tuesdays a month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Bradley Elementary. To sign up for this mutually rewarding service opportunity contact Stan Holland (sholland@eastminsterpres.org) or John McArthur (jbmsr360@gmail.com) by August 31st.

Blessing of the Backpacks Peace Service is next Sunday: at 4 pm (Thompson Hall). Teachers, school-aged children, and their families are invited to join us for a unique worship experience followed by dinner. Visit the Upcoming Event on our website to view the agenda, meal logistics by age group, and a list of offering donations. EPC children will join us for worship (including children's choirs). Parents, please pick up your singers in the courtyard at 5:30 pm.

Join us for the CLC Fitness Open House next Sunday: from 5-6:30 pm. This free event is open to our community. You will be able to sample fitness classes and speak with instructors. Stay after for Pickleball 101. Sign up soon and invite a friend!

Our next "Mindfulness Monday" is August 18th at 5 pm, in the parlor: Learn a variety of mindfulness techniques, co-led by pastors Emily Mooneyhan & Carol Byrd. No need to sign up- just join us in the parlor.

All Are Invited to Attend a Mission Trip Recap Dinner: on August 20th at 5:30 pm in Thompson Hall (\$8). We'll be hearing about each of the summer mission trips from those who participated. Email Kelly McGrady at kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org to register.

Transitions Third Thursday is August 21st: Please visit our website's Upcoming Events to sign up to serve either lunch or dinner. Donations are due to the Church Office Staff Kitchen by 3 pm.

Will For Hope's Evening with Jim Sonefeld is August 24th: Dinner is at 5 pm (TH - Please RSVP) followed by speaker, Jim Sonefeld, musician (Hootie and the Blowfish) and author, who will share his experiences with mental health solutions and addiction recovery. This is a free event for High School Youth and older. Spread the word and plan to join us.

Announcing "Club 345" and "Kingdom Kids"- New Sunday Evening Children's Music Programs: which kick off on August 24, with a party on the field. "Club 345" is the new name for our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade singers, and "Kingdom Kids" is for K4-2nd graders. New activities will be led by Pastor Croskeys and Mrs. Stefanie. Parents, please look for more information and a schedule via email and check your ENews.

Join us Labor Day Weekend on Sunday, August 31st: at 9 am for Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and at 10 am for an Intergenerational Brunch (Thompson Hall - No Sunday School). At 11:15 am, we'll enjoy blended worship in the Sanctuary. There are no Sunday evening programs on August 31st. Eastminster's facilities are closed on Monday, September 1st.

Small Group Kick-off Dinner is Thursday, September 4th: from 5:15-7 pm. (Thompson Hall). Rev. Dr. Jeff Smith will teach us what 'Surrendering to Our Sovereign God' looks like through Small Groups, and how trust in God is key.

Fall Adult Evening Classes start September 7th and 17th: Sundays@5 classes begin on September 7. WE@EPC classes and meals begin on September 17. More information on class offerings and the WE@EPC menu will be available soon.

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key: Starting September 7th in the Adult Reception Hall, we will immerse ourselves in the word of the Lord that came to and weighed heavily upon Jeremiah; a word that it was his task to proclaim to the people of Jerusalem in the final days before the Babylonian exile. We'll walk through a biblical case study for surrendering to God's sovereignty.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Kathy Spurgeon Marsha on what would have been her 65th birthday. Given with love by Mary Kathryn, Robert, Madelyn, Hall and Clara McWilliams.

Unison Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

SERMON NOTES

<u>Interested in this area?</u>	<u>Contact person and email</u>
Year round missions	Kristy Stoneburner, kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org
Mission trips	Dr. Ben Sloan, bsloan@eastminsterpres.org
CHAMPS	Stan Holland, sholland@eastminsterpres.org
High school youth	Rev. Rob Schoonover, rschoonover@eastminsterpres.org
Middle school youth	Emily Higgins, ehiggins@eastminsterpres.org
Children	Rev. Croskeys Royall, croyall@eastminsterpres.org
Children's music	Stefanie Hammond, shammond@eastminsterpres.org
Arts Academy	Dr. Augie Gil, agil@eastminsterpres.org
Adult education	Janice Blair, jblair@eastminsterpres.org
Small groups and Daily Devotionals	Caroline Bennett, cbennett@eastminsterpres.org
Prayer Matters	Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, emooneyhan@eastminsterpres.org

DEACONS: ROBERT SIMMONS AND SUSAN RATTEREE
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE 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
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Louis Shirer, Organist
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship and Arts
Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
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Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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
Fanfare for Organ Ronald Arnatt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
This Is the Day! Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Mindful that God is with us, we gather together to worship.
People: **Grateful for the Holy Spirit's presence, we walk with one another.**
Leader: Mindful that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord,
People: **We gather together to give our thanks and praise.**
All: **Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving and hope, with open hearts and minds!**

†***HYMN OF ADORATION #15**
All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
Your Word, O Master, invites us to “come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water.” In that spirit, and hungry for the cleansing that you alone offer, O Lord, help us lay our selfishness, our small-mindedness, our sin, before you. As surely as soap and water cleanse our bodies, so help us confess our sins in this silence, that we may receive your forgiveness in Jesus Christ....

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 #71
Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me LAND OF REST
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

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
O Love Elaine Hagenberg
O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee. I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. O Love, that will not let me go.
Eunice Koh, cello

***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** Eleanor Boyd

*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
Unison Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 Page 193
Scripture Focus: Hebrews 10:19-25 Page 211

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Looking Back and Falling Forward”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *(see insert)*
I Surrender All SURRENDER
Choir only, verse 1; Congregation join on verses 2 and 3

***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 face, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE
Prelude in B-flat Major J. S. Bach

***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.

August 17, 2025
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith