

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Bradley Lunch Buddies Needed...Mentor a Student this Fall: Additional volunteers are needed to help students two Tuesdays a month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Bradley. Contact Stan Holland (sholland@eastminsterpres.org) or John McArthur (jbmsr360@gmail.com) to sign up for this mutually rewarding service opportunity by August 31st. And, **Support Bradley Students with Weekend Food:** Contact Julia White (jgwhite4@gmail.com) for more information about our partnership with Bradley Elementary to send nutritious food home with students on weekends.

Will For Hope's Evening with Jim Sonefeld is Tonight: Dinner is at 5 p.m. (CLC 2nd Floor), followed by musician, Jim Sonefeld, who will share his experiences with addiction recovery and mental health solutions in Thompson Hall. This is a free event for High School Youth and older.

“Club 345” and “Kingdom Kids”- Sunday Evening Children’s Music Programs: will kick off tonight, from 5-6:30, with a party on the field (weather permitting). If rain, meet us in the Gym.

EPC Members Only Pickleball Play Mondays this Fall (5:15-8 p.m.): Enjoy exercise, fun, and fellowship at the CLC.

Join us Labor Day Weekend on Sunday, August 31st: at 9 a.m. for Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and at 10 a.m. for an Intergenerational Brunch (TH- No Sunday School). At 11:15 a.m., we'll enjoy blended worship in the Sanctuary. No Sunday p.m. programs on August 31st. Eastminster's facilities are closed on Labor Day.

New Fall Small Groups: Tuesdays: 10 am Women's (50s/60s); Wednesdays: 12 p.m. Co-ed (all ages); 6 pm Young Adults (20s/30s); Thursdays\ 4:15 p.m. Pickleball/Prayer Co-ed (all ages). Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to inquire.

Small Groups Kick-off Dinner is Thursday, September 4th: from 5:15-7 p.m. (TH). 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. Reservations required by going to Upcoming Events on website.

Eastminster Arts Academy (EAA) Six-week Group World Drumming Class: Thursdays beginning September 4 (ages 14 through adults). Visit our EAA homepage to learn more and register. Contact Dr. Augie Gil with any questions (agil@eastminsterpres.org).

Western NC Mission Trip dates are now September 5th -10th: Sign up under Upcoming Events for either a shorter or a longer stay. We continue to repair mobile homes damaged by Hurricane Helene.

September 7th is “Invite a Friend to Church Sunday”: Bring a guest and stay for lunch in the gym, following 11:15 a.m. worship. Guests should stop by our Welcome Centers to learn more about the ministries at Eastminster.

Cookies for First Responders Outreach is September 7th: Please drop off/pick up cookies in the CLC reception area. To bake or deliver cookies, please sign up under Upcoming Events.

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key Starts Sept. 7th(ARH): Walk through a biblical case study for surrendering to God's sovereignty. We will immerse ourselves in God's word that weighed heavily upon Jeremiah that he was to proclaim to the people of Jerusalem in the final days before the Babylonian exile.

Fire Drill is on September 14 during the Sunday School Hour: See flat screens for info.

WE@EPC Meals and Classes Kick off on September 14: Dinner in Thompson Hall at 5:15 pm. Please RSVP each Wednesday by noon. Visit Upcoming Events on our website to make meal reservations and learn more/register for classes: New Testament Class with Dr. Ben Sloan and Marriage Enrichment for all ages with Dr. Douglass Key.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class on September 21st. 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).

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

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-8

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: ROBERT SIMMONS AND GEOFF REABOLD
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON McDONALD (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
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 2025

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We have come to worship God, the living Lord,
People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #35
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (9:00 am)
Rev. Robert Schoonover (11:15 am)

***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 Olivia Jane Robertson (9:00 am)
Evan Phillips McMillan (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #490
Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Robert Schoonover
Gracious God, You are the Potter and we are the clay. But we are aware that today, and yesterday, and the day before that, we have lived as though it’s mostly about us. We have lived as though we are the potters, not the clay. Forgive us. Lord. Hear now our silent confessions for the times when we have acted selfishly, and help us turn afresh to you...

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. Carol J. Byrd
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
How Firm a Foundation arr. Benjamin Harlan

***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** Robert Simmons

*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
Pastor: Jeremiah 1:1-3
Unison Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-8 Page 656
Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 1:9-10; 16-17 Page 656

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Jeremiah: Our Sovereign God in Action”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #667**
When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #306**
Blest Be the Tie that Binds DENNIS
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE
Psalm XX Benedetto Marcello

***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 class, which begins September 21. First Step is designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Olivia Jan Robertson, daughter of Maddie and Jack Robertson , will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Kit Pound will offer the baptismal prayer.

Evan Phillips McMillan, son of Alex and Alesia McMillan, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Richard Slater will offer the baptismal prayer.

August 31, 2025
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd
Jeremiah 3:15-19
“Return to the Lord”