

Merry Christmas and Welcome!

We Welcome You to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are blessed by your presence with us and pray that in a deep and abiding way the power and presence of the living God will touch your heart today.

We Are Grateful for your presence, invite you to join us again on Sundays, and ask you to register your name by writing in the Friendship Pad or scanning the QR Code found there. If you are looking for a church home or would like to learn more about Eastminster Presbyterian Church, let a minister or greeter know. We also invite you to attend our First Step Class, which begins on February 22, 2026; this class is led by our ministers and staff, where they discuss who we are, our ministries, ways to get involved, and all Eastminster has to offer.

Thank you for your support of Eastminster in 2025: Year-end contributions can be made via the offering plate by December 28th or postmarked by December 31st. You may also drop off at the Church Office, "Attn. Treasurer," by 5 p.m. Consult your financial advisor to give a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. To donate stock, contact Christy Rippy, Treasurer, via email at crippy@eastminsterpres.org for instructions.

2026 Pledging: If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please do! Your pledge represents your commitment to glorify God through Eastminster's ministries

Office Hours - The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1, 2026. Church offices will be open Friday, December 26, through Wednesday, December 31, from 9 am to 5 pm. The Christian Life Center (CLC) will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, January 1, 2026. The CLC will be open Friday, December 26, through Wednesday, December 31, from 8 am to 4 pm.



EASTMINSTER
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CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2025
10:30 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Day, December 25, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Tom and Boo Griffin, William, and Daniel.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We light the Christ candle to symbolize God’s promise fulfilled.
People: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;
Leader: and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
People: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom his favor rests.
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

†*SONG OF ADORATION #133
O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*SONG OF ADORATION #137
In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Rob Schoonover
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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Royall

*SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Luke 2:8-12 Page 54
Scripture Focus: Luke 2:16-20 Page 55
Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE “God Is Late” Rev. Schoonover

*HYMN OF JOY #136
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing! MENDELSSOHN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

December 28, 2025
Mr. James Blackwelder
9:00 and 11:15 am in the Sanctuary
No Jubilee service

*Those who are able, please stand.