

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Prayers Cards are Available: the first Sunday of each month in our Welcome Centers and online. To add a member to our monthly prayer list please contact Kelly McGrady, our assistant for Care Ministries at kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org.

Tonight is Sundays@5 Vanishing Grace Class: led by Dr. Douglass Key. Our study is Philip Yancey's book, "Vanishing Grace." Learn about the power of grace and its impact on our lives and the world around us. It's not too late to join our class.

ECAMP Tonight at 5 pm: Singers in 4K through fifth grade are welcome! Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register your singer and volunteer on Sunday nights. Drop-off and pick-up (6:30 pm. in the Sanctuary. We have a devotional, rehearsal and dinner. Please see emails from Mrs. Stefanie for details.

Lightly Seasoned Winter Social is Tuesday, February 4, at the Wright's from 7 -9 pm: We are couples or singles in our 40s through 60s gathering for fellowship, fun and prayer! RSVP under Upcoming Events, and sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert. Also, bring canned good items to benefit Harvest Hope.

WE@EPC Meals at 5:15 pm, in Thompson Hall: Important Announcement: You may now RSVP for multiple meals via the new URL on our website (The previous URL is no longer accessible.) Visit www.eastminsterpres.org/MINISTRIES/Fellowship/WE@EPC RSVP Form to sign up. MENU- Shrimp or Chicken Sausage Jambalaya with Rice, Butter beans, and Corn- (Kids: Hot dogs, French Fries & Carrots with Ranch). You may pay online when you make your reservation (by Wednesday at noon), or you can bring cash or check and pay when you get to Thompson Hall.

WE@EPC Bible 201 is at 6 pm, in the Adult Reception Hall: This is a pastor-led study of the Gospel of Luke. We'll explore the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and how his message continues to inspire us today. Join us for WE@EPC meals at 5:15 pm in Thompson Hall prior to the study. You can join this class at any point in our study.

WE@EPC Divorce Care is at 6 pm, in the CLC Room 263: For those who are facing the challenges a divorce can bring. Led by compassionate pastors, this group provides biblical guidance, practical advice, and the opportunity to connect. Invite a friend who may benefit.

Join us for Youth Sunday on February 9: Eastminster Youth will be leading and participating in all three worship services. Eighteen High School seniors will be preaching. Please join us for worship in support and celebration of our youth. Youth Sunday is always an impressive example of how Christ is working in the lives of our younger members.

Souper Bowl of Caring Special Offering is February 9: Since 1990, your donations on Super Bowl Sunday provide food for soup kitchens, food banks, meal-programs and other hunger-related charities. Thank you for your generosity.

Circles One and Three Meet February 10: at 10 am in Thompson Hall. All ladies of Eastminster are invited for light refreshments, a brief study and fellowship. Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

Men's Oyster Roast is February 20: Sign up via Upcoming Events on our website. We will meet at the Causey's from 7 to 9 pm. The cost is \$25 and you may RSVP under Upcoming Events. Save the date and plan to join us.

Cross Family Mission Trip for Parents and Tweens Grades 4-8: is the weekend of February 28. We will caravan to Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte on Friday evening, and serve in urban outreach on Saturday, returning to Columbia Saturday evening. Youth must be accompanied by a parent. Please see the ENews for registration details.

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

UNISON READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: GEORGE HUTTON AND ROBERT SIMMONS
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES (9:00 AM) AND SCOT SEIGLER (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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Louis Shirer, Organist
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 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

Offertoire sur les grands jeux

Louis Couperin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in response to God's love made manifest in Jesus the Christ.

People: **We gather to give our hearts and lives to God. We gather to love one another, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: We seek genuine faith in the midst of false promises in our world.

People: **May your love, O Lord, be made manifest in our faith and in our actions, in our words and in our living.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

*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. Emily Mooneyhan

Lord, we pray that we would not play favorites but see all people as created in your image. You love each person walking this earth whether they know you or not. Give us your heart and your grace. You call us to reach out to all people, and not just those who make us feel comfortable. Forgive us our blind spots and our inaction when it comes to sharing your love.....

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 #443

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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

Jubilate Deo

Peter Anglea

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100:1, 2, 5

*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

Kevin O'Connell

*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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SERMON SERIES: The Book of James: Where Faith is Called to Action

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“A Dance that Enhances”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #610

Of For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

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

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Louis Couperin

*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 March 2, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

February 9, 2025

Youth Sunday