

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Welcome to Youth Sunday: Eastminster Youth will be leading and participating in all three services. 16 High School Seniors are preaching, and other youth will help lead us in worship today.

Today is The Souper Bowl of Caring: Since 1990, your donations on Super Bowl Sunday have provided food for soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs, and other hunger-related charities. Thank you for your generosity. Scouts from Troop 10 and youth will be collecting the Souper Bowl (Harvest Hope) offering in soup pots as you exit worship.

Sunday Night Youth Groups Will Not Meet Tonight.

Sundays@5 Vanishing Grace Class Meets Tonight: 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 Meets 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.

Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow: at 10 am in Thompson Hall. All ladies of Eastminster are invited to join us for a brief study and fellowship. Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

WE@EPC Meals on February 12, at 5:15 pm, in Thompson Hall: You may now RSVP for multiple meals via the new URL on our website. MENU- Adults: Beef Shish Kabob, French Onion Rice & Ratatouille- Kids: Cheeseburger, French Fries & Carrots.

Invitation to Change (ITC) Meets on February 13, at 5:30 pm in Room E-357: ITC is a community that welcomes family and friends of those struggling with substance abuse issues. We will only meet once this month. In March we will resume our meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays (3/13 & 3/27 from 5:30 - 6:45 pm). Contact Susan Ratteree (shratteree@gmail.com) with questions.

Serve at Transitions on February 20: Meet at Transitions at 11:30 am to serve lunch. Becky Airheart leads the lunch service opportunity (bairheart@gmail.com). You can also support Third Thursday dinners by providing food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, and bananas) by 3 pm (Staff Kitchen), packaging food at 3:45 pm, or serving dinner at 5 pm at Transitions. Alison McGowan continues to lead the dinner service opportunities (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com). Email Becky or Alison to learn more.

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

The Peace Service is February 23 at 4 p.m. in the Adult Reception Hall: Join us for contemplative prayer and to hear a message about "Sabbath Rest." The Peace Service is a communion service led by Congregational Care.

March Out Missions Day is Saturday, March 1 (9 am - 12 pm). Join the EPC Family in service either here at Eastminster or out in the community. Opportunities will include packing food for Rise Against Hunger, making hygiene kits, or helping the Weekly Weeders. You can also serve in the community at Oliver Gospel, EMS Closet, and The Cooperative Ministry. Save the date and join us.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class on March 2. We'll meet each Sunday in March at 10 am, in Room E-259 (Education Building). Learn about the ministries of Eastminster, and meet our pastors and leaders. At First Step, you'll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Lib Foster (lfoster@eastminsterpres.org).

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

UNISON READING: Exodus 16:2-5

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.' ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.'

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JONI RICHARDSON AND ADAM HEGLER
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) AND 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
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Louis Shirer, Organist
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
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Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 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

Récit de Chromborne

Louis Couperin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;

People: **trust in him, and he will act.**

Leader: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;

People: **Wait for the Lord, and keep to his way,**

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

People: **he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

Leader: The Lord helps them and rescues them; because they take refuge in him.

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Brooks Rhame (9:00 am)
Davis Lumpkin (11:15 am)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)*

Jack Wilson (9:00 am)
Julian Barber (11:15 am)

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.

**THE 3K—5K CHILDREN MAY BE EXCUSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reese Wingo (9:00 am)
Barron Cruca (11:15 am)

Heavenly Father, you call us to be your witnesses in our homes, schools, and community. We confess that we have failed to treat those closest to us with kindness, respect and patience. Please forgive us. Your call us to be your witnesses in our state and nation. We confess that we too often fail to speak and act in ways that defend the dignity and humanity of all your children. Please forgive us. You call us to be your witnesses across the whole world. We confess that we ignore the suffering of the poor and troubled in the world and leave the hard work of healing to others. Please forgive us. Help us, O God, throughout this week and every week, that we may not fall into sin and that we follow your will wherever we find ourselves in your world. And hear the prayers of our hearts in this time of silence...

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

McCall Daves (9:00 am)
Anna Claire McCain (11:15 am)

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

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Elizabeth and Thomas Coxhead

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace: No other care nor hope is mine, To heav'n I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, "'Tis Love, 'tis heav'nly love. My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace: No other care nor hope is mine, To heav'n I turn my face. And ev'ry gentle heart That burns with true desire is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges, 1890

*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.

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nate Moise (9:00 am)
Anna Grace Getz (11:15 am)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Exodus 16:2-5 Page 60
Madeline Bowie (9:00 am), Lucy Stallworth (11:15 am)
Scripture Focus: Acts 1:6-8 Page 110
Lanier Honeycutt (9:00 am), Albert James (11:15 am)

Leader: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

SENIOR SERMONS

“Living in God's Time”
Ella Seigler, Nicholas Beitz, Emma Davis, Palmer Mood,
Bennett Daves, (9:00 am)

Charles Leighton, Caroline Hendricks, Tate Stallworth, Maddyn Elliott,
Adelaide Helmbolt, Annie James,
(11:15 am)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #295

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

*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

Plein Jeu

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 16, 2025

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith