

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February is Family Promise Month: Please keep the four families in your prayers who are being hosted by Family Promise. Thank you to those who have volunteered to provide meals and attend events for the families. All volunteer spots are full!

Hygiene Kits or “Blessing Bags” from Youth Ministries are available in our Welcome Centers: Pick one up to keep in your car in case you see someone who may need an extra “blessing” in your travels.

Worship Discovery for Second Graders begins Today: This nine-week class will take place in the Adult Reception Hall during the Sunday School Hour. Look for emails from Pastor Croskeys for more information.

Sundays@5 Adult Class on Pastoral Epistles: “Correspondence with Servants of God’s Sovereign Word” with Dr. Douglass Key is a study in the Gray Music Room through Feb 15. To catch up, visit Adult PM Classes under Ministries/Adults to see the videos of any missed classes.

Kingdom Kids and Club 345 Tonight at 5 p.m.: Look for emails from Mrs. Stefanie. Parents, we still need volunteers, so please sign up to help on Sundays if you can.

Mindfulness Mondays Return in February: Meet Care Pastors in the Parlor on the first and third Mondays. We meet at 9 a.m. on February 2nd and 5 p.m. on February 16th.

All are Invited to Sing with the “Make a Joyful Noise” Choir on February 3 (6-6:45 p.m.): in the Adult Reception Hall. If you enjoy singing, you should join us- no strings attached. We will enjoy a meal at Laura & Kevin Long’s afterwards. Please sign up under Upcoming Events.

WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, February 4th: MENU: Adults: Chicken & Dumplings, Zucchini & Squash & Fried Okra Children: Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots & Apple Slices. Pricing: Children (0-8) \$4, Adults \$8. You may pay online when you RSVP, or pay at the door. Meet us in Thompson Hall at 5:15 p.m.

WE@EPC Class “Christian Prayer for Today’s Christian”: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall to learn about best prayer practices. Visit Upcoming Events for more information.

WE@EPC Class “Winter Wellness: Connecting with God” (Parlor): Join Rev. Emily Mooneyhan and Dr. Carol Byrd to explore setting Godly intentions for the new year, walking meditation, and how to be grateful. Special guests will help lead some of our sessions.

Lightly Seasoned Winter Social is this Thursday, February 5th (7-9 pm), at Linda and Jimmy Long’s: Catch up with friends you haven’t seen in a while. We are in our 50s and 60s, and would love to see you. You will be able to sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert via Upcoming Events. Join us.

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday: Join us for youth-led worship that day. Parents and High School Seniors who are preaching should look for updates about rehearsals from Pastor Rob.

EPW’s Valentine’s Prayer Breakfast (\$6) is Tuesday, February 10th, at 9 a.m. in Thompson Hall: All Eastminster ladies are invited to join Rev. Emily Mooneyhan for fellowship, a delicious breakfast, prayer, and a loving service project- making valentines for members who are shut-in. You will be able to RSVP soon.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class on February 22nd. At First Step, you’ll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Visit Upcoming Events on the website to register. Questions? Contact Katie Barthel (kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org).

Serve with us in Western NC April 17th - 22nd: repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Helene. There are also other options. You can travel Friday, April 17th, and return on Sunday, April 19th, or arrive Sunday, April 19th, and return on Wednesday, April 22nd. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Wynn Livingston by her parents, Alden and Margaret Livingston.

Unison Reading: Acts 10:39-43

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: NATE HENDERSON AND JIM KITCHENS
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES (9:00 AM) 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
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
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
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

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 worshiping our living God.

"So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory." Romans 15:7

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key (9:00 am)
Rev. Rob Schoonover (11:15 am)

Leader: We worship to feed the deep yearning within us.

People: Despite our relentless waywardness and wandering, we are drawn back to you, O God of all creation.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, you reach out, save, guide, and even challenge.

People: Give us ears for your voice above voices, give us hearts and minds for following you above all else.

All: We worship you, O God, who stands with us in our darkest days, who is the way, the truth and the life, and who promises to be with us to the end.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Wynn Christian Livingston (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Lord God, thank you for your goodness, beauty, and power. Your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts higher than our thoughts. Forgive us that in our pride and self-importance, we attempt to impose our ways and thoughts on you. Forgive us for thinking too highly of ourselves and too little of you. Touch our hearts even now as we lay our lives before you in silent prayer...

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 #824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest MC AFEE
There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Schoonover (9:00 am)
Dr. Byrd (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

Lift Every Voice and Sing Arr. Roland Carter

*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

John Arnold

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Acts 10:39-43 Page 121
Scripture Focus: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 Page 201

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*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

SERMON

"Jesus Poured Himself Out. So Should We"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

HYMN OF PREPARATION #511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

DOVE OF PEACE

Come, behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia! has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia! Hear the Word of God declares: Alleluia! "Come, the banquet is prepared." Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto The Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*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.



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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Wynn Christian Livingston, daughter of Margaret and Alden Livingston, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Peyton Bryant will offer the baptismal prayer.