

UNISON READING: Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-20

¹² “So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ”

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear.

Scripture Focus: 1 Timothy 6:11-21 (The Message)

¹¹⁻¹² But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses.

¹³⁻¹⁶ I’m charging you before the life-giving God and before Christ, who took his stand before Pontius Pilate and didn’t give an inch: Keep this command to the letter, and don’t slack off. Our Master, Jesus Christ, is on his way. He’ll show up right on time, his arrival guaranteed by the Blessed and Undisputed Ruler, High King, High God. He’s the only one death can’t touch, his light so bright no one can get close. He’s never been seen by human eyes—human eyes can’t take him in! Honor to him, and eternal rule! Oh, yes.

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Tell those rich in this world’s wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they’ll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

²⁰⁻²¹ And oh, my dear Timothy, guard the treasure you were given! Guard it with your life. Avoid the talk-show religion and the practiced confusion of the so-called experts. People caught up in a lot of talk can miss the whole point of faith.

Overwhelming grace keep you!

DEACONS: MARY FRANCES JOWERS AND CLAY SHARPE
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) AND MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)

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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Thank you to the chamber orchestra for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning: Korcan Köstük, Margie Moore, Amelia Bailey, Eunice Koh, Joshua Grosscost, Benjamin Pouncey, Micah Sullivan, Eric Gilfus, Julia Ross, Christian Kilgore.

Join us for a “Blessing of Prayer Shawls” Peace Service Today, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Prayer Shawl Ministry “knitters” serve on first, third, and fifth Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in CLC Rm 265. Beginners are welcome! Our next “knitting” meeting is on January 21st.

Sundays@5 Adult Class Pastoral Epistles (I & II Timothy, Titus, and Philemon): “Correspondence with Servants of God’s Sovereign Word” with Dr. Douglass Key is a seven-week study in the Gray Music Room through Feb 15. Purchase study guides via Upcoming Events.

Kingdom Kids (4K - 2nd graders) and Club 345 (3rd-5th graders) Kick-off Tonight: at 5 p.m. Spring Registration form is on the website under Upcoming Events! See emails from Pastor Croskeys and Mrs. Stefanie . We meet on Sunday nights until 6:30 p.m. We appreciate volunteers!

WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, January 14th: MENU: Adults: Pork Tenderloin Stew, Steamed Brussel Sprouts, Grilled Cheese Children: Pork Tenderloin Medallions, Grilled Cheese & Grapes. Pricing: Children (0-8) \$4, Adults \$8. You may pay online when you RSVP or at the door. Meet us in Thompson Hall at 5:15 p.m. for dinner, and classes at 6.

Bahamas Mission Trip – New Dates! The Fall Abacos Mission trip has been rescheduled for March 7-14, and there’s still room! Would you prayerfully consider joining our team to travel and serve with the local church doing light construction? If interested or have questions, contact Lauren Cunningham (lcunningham@eastminsterpres.org) by this Wednesday, Jan. 14.

WE@EPC Class “Christian Prayer for Today’s Christian: Join Dr. Douglass Key at 6 p.m. in the Adult Reception Hall. Learn how to pray, and who we are when we pray. Visit Upcoming Events to learn more, register for class, and purchase your book.

WE@EPC Class “Winter Wellness: Connecting with God” (TH): 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.

Transitions Third Thursday is January 15: Sign up for AM or PM meal service and donations via Upcoming Events. Food donations for the PM meal are due to the Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class on February 22nd. 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 for First Step. Questions? Contact Katie Barthel (kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org).

Attention EDS Covenant Families: A change in the EDS Covenant Family procedures now asks that families submit a signed agreement annually. Current and Prospective Covenant Families can find the agreement online at <https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/day-school>. Please submit signed agreements by Monday, January 5, to be included in the 2026 Covenant Family review. Contact Katie Herndon, EDS Director, with questions (kherndon@eastminsterpres.org).

Join a Small Group in 2026! Contact Caroline Bennett (cbennett@eastminsterpres.org).

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CLASS OF 2028

The Eastminster congregation elected candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon on Sunday, June 29, 2025. Following their election these officers-elect began an 11-week training program. This training culminated in examinations by the Session who then set aside today as the Sunday for Ordination and Installation. The following officers are presented this morning to be ordained and/or installed:

ELDERS:

Branford Breland, Yolanda Courie, Perry Crosthwaite, Mary Hanna, Rebecca Hartner, Susan Jones, Anne Kleitches, Kit Pound, Drew Richardson, and Scott Verzyl

DEACONS:

Charlotte Castles, Mark Chappell, Kirstin DiMarco, Jim Kitchens, Stephen Ross, Parker Sizemore, Stacy Strong, Lee Tupper, Dana Wilson, and Taylor Wray



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

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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 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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Dan Forrest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-4

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul; let everything in me praise his holy name.
People: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;**
Leader: He who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
People: **He who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**
All: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*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.

The 3K—5K children may be excused for children's church

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

God of Mercy, in Jesus Christ you call us to be your servant people, but too often we wander from you and go our own way. We do not always trust your good news to be good for us and often resist the transforming power of your Word. We allow the empty distractions of this world to draw us away from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your love forgive us and set us free to respond to your self-giving grace and to be your faithful people, and let it begin with this time of 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

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

Ascribe to the Lord Rosephanye Powell
Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name, in the splendor of His holiness, worship Him. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders. The voice of the Lord is powerful, The voice of the Lord is majestic!

Psalm 29:1-4

Chamber orchestra

*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

Mary Frances Jowers

*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

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Too Much Talk and Not Enough God"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:15 am)

Constitutional Questions
Laying on of Hands
Prayer of Installation
Charge and Welcome

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #691 (verses 1—3)

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #691 (verse 4)

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

LAND OF REST

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

*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 February 22, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

January 18, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

2 Timothy 1:1-8

"Rekindling the Gift"