

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**The “Next Steps” Class Continues Today, at 10 am, in the Education Building (E-356):** Are you looking to deepen your spiritual walk and connect with other members? Join us for Next Steps, Eastminster’s new four-week class designed to help you grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and discover your purpose within our church family.

**Sundays@5 Vanishing Grace Class Starts Tonight:** Led by Dr. Douglass Key, we'll delve into a study of Philip Yancey's book, "Vanishing Grace." Learn about the power of grace and its impact on our lives and the world around us.

**ECAMP Kicks off Tonight at 5 pm:** Singers in 4K through fifth grade are welcome! We will have a devotional, a rehearsal, and then dinner near the choir room in the Sanctuary basement. Parents, we would love your help. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register your singer and volunteer on Sunday nights. Look for emails with more information from Stefanie Hammond ([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)), Eastminster's Director of Children's Music.

**EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow in Thompson Hall:** at 10 am Enjoy fellowship and a devotional as we reconvene after the holidays. All women of Eastminster are welcome to join us.

**Bible Doers Will “Do” on Wednesday, January 15, at the Olivers’:** 6 - 7 am, walk and fellowship, 7 - 8 am, prepare and pray over pasta salad for Transitions. Stop by any time. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Text Beth at 803-622-5384 with any questions.

**WE@EPC Meals on January 15 at 5:15 p.m.:** MENU- Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Grilled Asparagus, and Tomato Pie- (Kids: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, and Cucumbers w/Ranch). Visit our website's Upcoming Events to RSVP. 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. Join us!

**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 p.m. in Thompson Hall prior to the study.

**WE@EPC Divorce Care is at 6 p.m., in the CLC Room 263:** For those who are facing the challenges a divorce can bring, our Care ministry offers a safe and supportive space to heal and grow. Led by compassionate pastors, this group provides biblical guidance, practical advice, and the opportunity to connect with others who understand the pain of divorce.

**Serve Lunch at Transitions on Third Thursdays beginning January 16:** Our MSB Ministry Team heard many requests for a lunchtime service opportunities. Meet at Transitions at 11:30 am to serve lunch. We will continue to support Third Thursday dinners as well 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. Contact Alison McGowan to learn more ([alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com)). Sign up via Upcoming Events.

**Save the Date for EPW's Generations of Grace, a Tea Party:** All ladies are invited on Sunday, January 26, to gather for a delightful afternoon of tea, treats, and fellowship. This special event is open to all ladies of the church, young and old. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. It's the perfect opportunity to create lasting memories and strengthen bonds across generations.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Mark Dale Chappell, III by his sisters, Mary Gardner and Katherine.

### Pledge Status Report as of January 6, 2025

*Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet done so, please give us an estimate of your giving to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2025.*

248 Pledges Increased  
00 Pledges With No Change  
27 Pledges Decreased  
65 New Pledges

For a total of 440 pledges totaling \$4,116,223  
53 pledges were made for 2024, but not yet for 2025

## UNISON READING: Proverbs 15:16-17

**16Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.**

**17Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it.**

## SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



**DEACONS:** ADAM HEGLER AND JONI RICHARDSON  
**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  
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer  
Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 12, 2025  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

People: **Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!

People: **It is God who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #297

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

ST. DENIO

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall (9:00 am)

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan (11:15 am)

### \*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.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mark Dale Chappell III (9:00 am)

Clayton Timothy Murrell (11:15 am)

### BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

JESUS LOVES ME

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Sloan

**Sovereign God, your Word does not say that we will not be tempted, not be troubled, or not be distressed. Indeed, you tell us, "in this world you will know trouble." We confess that we let other things come between you and us, O God. We confess that we are slow to cultivate gratitude, and quick to let resentment take hold. Forgive us, O God. Help us turn afresh to you in this new year, and let it begin in 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 #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

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n. There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in the blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in the upper home of bliss. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all. Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at this word; and our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of the Lord.

### \*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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### \*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Becky Airheart

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Time for a Better Diet ”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

### \*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

### \*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.*

### DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Mark Dale Chappell III, son of Mark and Lane Chappell, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Paternal grandfather Mark Chappell, Sr. will offer the baptismal prayer.

Clayton Timothy Murrell, son of Robert and Kellee Murrell, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Parks Bunch will offer the baptismal prayer.

### January 19, 2025

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key