

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Join us for Sundays@5 Vanishing Grace Class: 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.

There is no ECAMP Programming Tonight at 5 pm: We will resume on January 26. Singers in 4K through fifth grade are welcome! Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register your singer and volunteer on Sunday nights.

Eastminster Facilities Are Closed Tomorrow: in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

WE@EPC Meals on January 22 at 5:15 pm: MENU- Pork Medallions with Mustard Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, and Peas, Mushrooms and Pearl Onions- (Kids: Same as adults). 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.

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.

WE@EPC Divorce Care is at 6 pm, 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.

Communion Sunday is January 26: If you know of a member who would like to receive in-home communion, please contact Kelly McGrady, at kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org.

Peanut Butter Sunday is January 26: Please bring a jar of peanut butter to church and drop it off in the Harvest Hope Bins around campus. Thank you for your donations to help fight hunger in The Midlands.

EPW's Generations of Grace, a Tea Party is January 26: 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 - 4 pm. It's the perfect opportunity to create lasting memories and strengthen bonds across generations. Please RSVP under Upcoming Events on our website.

Lightly Seasoned Winter Social is February 4, at the Wright's home, 7 -9 pm: Lightly Seasoned is a group of couples or singles ages 40s through 60s. They gather in member homes three times a year 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.

Join us for Youth Sunday on February 9: Eastminster Youth will be leading and participating in all three worship services. 15 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 youth.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of Caulder Alexander Winkles and Thomas Parks Winkles by their grandparents.

Pledge Status Report as of January 13, 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.

250 Pledges Increased
100 Pledges With No Change
27 Pledges Decreased
66 New Pledges

For a total of 443 pledges totaling 4,166,223
51 pledges were made for 2024, but not yet for 2025

UNISON READING: Luke 4:16-19

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: RICHARD SLATER AND CLAY SHARPE
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

People: and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

People: be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Caulder Alexander Winkles and
Thomas Parks Winkles (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan (9:00 am)

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (11:15 am)

Blessed are you, O Lord, our great God, for your word is perfect and you guard those who keep it. We confess that we have been inattentive to your word. We have disregarded its warnings, and failed to partake of the life, the wisdom, and the joy of its enduring light.

Forgive us, O Lord, and clear us from every hidden fault, that we may be blameless and innocent of great transgression. Hear our confession, as we offer it to you in this 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mooneyhan

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

If I Can Help Somebody

arr. David Brunner

If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, If I can show somebody he is trav'ling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain. If I can point somebody to the Lamb once slain; if I can tell somebody that He rose again, that He can cleanse the guilty, He can wash the stain, then my living will not be in vain. If I can help somebody if I journey through this world, then my living shall not be in vain.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano

*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

*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

“Living Word of the Living God”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #172

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

Choir will sing verses; congregation, please sing refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

*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:

Caulder Alexander Winkles and Thomas Parks Winkles, sons of Blake and Kasey Winkles, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Adam Hegler will offer the baptismal prayer.

January 26, 2025

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith