

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Today is Communion Sunday:** If you know of a member who would like to receive in-home communion on Communion Sundays, please contact Kelly McGrady, assistant for Care Ministries at [kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

**Today is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Thank you for your peanut butter donations on the fourth Sunday of each month to help fight hunger in The Midlands. You may drop off peanut butter in the Harvest Hope Bins around campus..

**EPW's Generations of Grace Tea Party is Today from 2:30 until 4 pm (ARH):** All ladies are invited to gather for an afternoon of tea, treats, and fellowship. This event is open to ladies of the church, young and old. It's the perfect opportunity to strengthen bonds across generations. Please join us!

**Tonight is Sundays@5 Vanishing Grace Class:** 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 Resumes Tonight at 5 pm:** Singers in 4K through fifth grade are welcome! 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.

**WE@EPC Meals on January 29, at 5:15 pm in Thompson Hall:** MENU- Shrimp or Chicken Sausage Jambalaya with Rice, Butterbeans and Corn- (Kids: Hotdogs, French Fries & Carrots with Ranch). Visit our website's Upcoming Events to RSVP. You may pay online when you register (by Wednesday at noon), or 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. You can join this class at any point in our 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. This pastor-led group provides biblical guidance, practical advice, and the opportunity to connect with others who understand the pain of divorce. It is open to the community at no charge.

**Lightly Seasoned Winter Social is February 4, at the Wright's home, 7 - 9 pm:** Lightly Seasoned is a group of couples or singles in their 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. Fifteen High school seniors will be preaching. Please join us for worship in support and celebration of our youth.

**Souper Bowl of Caring Special Offering is February 9:** Since 1990, your donations on Super Bowl Sunday provide food for soup kitchens, food banks, meal-programs and other hunger-related charities. Thank you for your generosity.

**Men's Oyster Roast is February 20:** Sign up via Upcoming Events on our website. We will meet at the Causey's from 7 - 9 pm. Save the date and plan to join us.

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

## UNISON READING: James 1:1-5

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

<sup>2</sup>My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; <sup>4</sup>and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

## SERMON NOTES



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**DEACONS:** JOSH LIVINGSTON AND SHARON WILLIAMS  
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) AND WILSON MCDONALD (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

Blythe Lewis, Director of Communications

Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

James Cassidy, A/V Director

Alex Rogers, Plant Operations 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

### Pledge Status Report as of January 22, 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

67 New Pledges

For a total of 444 pledges totaling \$4,176,223

51 pledges were made for 2024, but not yet for 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 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

*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 730 & BWV 731*

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The ground at the foot of the cross is level;

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Leader: Yet God so loved the world he gave his only Son;

People: That in Jesus Christ we might have life and have it abundantly.

All: Feed us this day, O Master, Bread of Life. Feed our deep hunger with your Word and Spirit; with your body and blood poured out for us.

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #170

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

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### \*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.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

When the caustic way of the world erodes the intentions of our hearts, forgive us, O God. When our personal agendas take precedence over your selfless example, forgive us, O Master. When we are slow to listen and quick to become angry, forgive us, O Good Shepherd. When we are prideful of our Bible studying, but reluctant in Bible doing, forgive us, O Lord, even as we lift the confessions 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.

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

*Prayer of Being*

Mark Hayes

Be in my life, be in my breath; Be in my walk, be in my rest. Be in this humble heart of mine; Be every present in my mind. Be in my hands, be in my feet; Be in my eyes and in my speech. Be in the smile I give away; Be in each healing word I say. Be in my work, be in my play; Be in the struggles of each day. Be in my joy, be in my pain; Be in my loss. Be in my gain. Be in my thoughts, be in my song; Be in my spirit all day long. Be in my prayers at dawn's first light' Be in my dreams all through the night. Amen. The prayer of my heart forever shall be: I in You and You in me.

### \*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

Jay Hudson

SERMON SERIES: The Book of James: Where Faith is Called to Action

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“A Recipe for Blessing”

\*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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### HYMN OF PREPARATION #504

*We Come As Guests Invited*

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

### 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

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #738

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

MARYTON

### \*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

*Psalms XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

### \*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 2, 2025

Scripture Focus: James 2:14-26

“A Dance that Enhances”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith