

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 Peanut Butter Sunday: If you brought a jar of peanut butter to church, thank you. Please find a Harvest Hope Food Bank collection bin in one of our reception areas. Peanut Butter Sunday is the fourth Sunday of each month.

Adult Summer Sunday School Last Class Meetings (ARH): at 9 am. We have extended classes for an additional week. Our last Sunday class is now next , August 3- so one more Sunday. Our two remaining Wednesday repeat classes are this Wednesday, July 30, and next Wednesday, August 6.

Eastminster is hiring a Part-time Contemporary Worship Music Leader: We are seeking a passionate leader to provide musical and spiritual leadership for contemporary worship. Those interested can find the job description and apply via the Careers tab at the bottom of our website homepage.

Our next Cancer Care Support Meeting is this Wednesday, July 30: (5:30 - 7 pm) in room 351 in the Education Building. Find support, pastoral guidance, and fellowship with others who may have cancer or may have a family member who has been diagnosed with cancer. Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (emooneyhan@eastminsterpres.org) leads us.

Register for Adult VBS on August 3-4 with Keynote Speaker, Dr. Emily Theus: a child of Eastminster, will preach on August 3, and on the evenings of August 3 and 4, join us for dinner in Thompson Hall (5 pm) and get a greater understanding of God’s in-breaking power and presence in our world. For childcare (infants through rising 5th graders), please contact Pastor Croskeys (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

Our next “Mindfulness Monday” is August 4th, at 9 am, in the Parlor: Mindfulness Mondays are an introduction to a variety of mindfulness techniques, co-led by pastors Emily Mooneyhan & Carol Byrd on the first and third Mondays (August 18th- 5 pm) of the month. No need to sign up- just join us in the Parlor.

Promotion Sunday is August 10, 2025: We will return to our regular schedule for Sunday School and worship. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) will be at 9 am and again at 11:15 am, **or try Jubilee Contemporary Worship at 11:15 am in Thompson Hall (TH).** Sunday School Classes will meet at 10 am in breakout rooms. Adults, if you are looking for a Sunday School Class, meet us in the Adult Reception Hall at 10 am on August 10, for our Adult Sunday School Open House.

Blessing of the Backpacks Peace Service is on August 17: at 4 pm (TH). School-aged children and their families are invited to join us for this unique worship experience where we will bless our backpacks and offer prayers for a successful, Christ-filled, and safe school year.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children’s Afternoon Music Program) Kickoff is on August 17th: Please join us for the Blessing of the Backpacks service at 4 pm (TH). Backpacks and school supplies will be donated that evening. After worship, pizza will be served in the sanctuary basement. Please pick up your singers in the courtyard at 6:30 pm.

Join us for the CLC Fitness Open House on August 17: from 5 - 6:30 pm. This is a free event open to our community, where you will be able to sample fitness classes, speak with instructors, enjoy a healthy snack, and hear from our director. Stay after for Pickleball 101. Registration is open, so sign up!

Will For Hope’s Evening with Jim Sonefeld is August 24: at 5 pm (TH) for dinner (please RSVP) followed by speaker, Jim Sonefeld, musician (Hootie and the Blowfish) and author, who will share his experiences with mental health solutions and addiction recovery. This is a free event for High School Youth and older. Spread the word and plan to join us.

Fall Adult Evening Classes September Start Dates: Sundays@5 begins on September 7. WE@EPC classes and meals begin on September 17. More information on class offerings and the WE@EPC menu will be available soon.

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

Unison Reading: 2 Kings 22:1-13

22 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. ² He did what was right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

³ In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the LORD, saying, ⁴ “Go up to the high priest Hilkiah and have him add up the entire sum of the silver that has been brought into the house of the LORD that the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; ⁵ let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the LORD; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the LORD repairing the house, ⁶ that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. ⁷ But no accounting shall be asked from them for the silver that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly.”

⁸ The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.” When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. ⁹ Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king and reported to the king, “Your servants have melted down the silver that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the LORD.” ¹⁰ Shaphan the secretary informed the king, “The priest Hilkiah has given me a book.” Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

¹¹ When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. ¹² Then the king commanded the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and the king’s servant Asaiah, saying, ¹³ “Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our ancestors did not obey the words of this book to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

DEACONS: MARY MCCANTS AND SHARON WILLIAMS
HEAD USHER: BILL COGGINS
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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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EASTMINSTER
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 27, 2025
10:15 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 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we pass through the waters,
People: **God will be with us.**
Leader: When we walk through the fires,
People: **God will be there.**
Leader: When we are carrying heavy burdens,
People: **God will help us move.**
Leader: Let us worship our God of love and might.
ALL: **Let us worship God!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #393
O Day of Rest and Gladness ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

***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
O Lord, your scriptures tell us that you are near to us, but we do not often draw near to you. We think that we need to look for you in special places, when you are looking for us in every place. We imagine that we need the "right words" to pray, when you know our thoughts before we do. We pretend that we do not know what you want us to do, when your scriptures call us over and over again to follow in your ways of peace, compassion, and love. Forgive us, Holy One. Meet us exactly where we are, and free us to live authentic lives of faith.

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 #551
Lord, Have Mercy LAND OF REST
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Emily 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
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Mark Hayes

***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 McCants

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*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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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Robert Schoonover
“This Terrible Search”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #442**
Just As I Am WOODWORTH

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

August 3, 2025
Dr. Emily Theus