

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Welcome guest musicians with **The Dick Goodwin Quintet**: who will lead us in hymns and songs today. Members of the quintet are Doug Graham, clarinet; Jim Hall, percussion; Steve Briody, guitar; Terry Trentham, bass; and Dick Goodwin, trumpet and piano.

We will Commission our Missionaries this morning: for those heading to Cross Missions in Charlotte, NC, (Middle School), Marsh Harbour, Bahamas, (High School), and Chiapas, Mexico (Adults).

Our next “Mindfulness Monday” is tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the Parlor: Mindfulness Mondays are co-led by pastors Emily Mooneyhan & Carol Byrd. Learn healthy ways to manage stress, lower anxiety, improve cognitive function, and connect with God. No need to sign up- just join us in the Parlor.

Collection for Transitions Operation HEAT through Labor Day: HEAT stands for Heat Engagement and Assistance Time and immediate relief is needed for Transitions Homeless Shelter. You will be helping to protect individuals experiencing homelessness from extreme heat by providing consistent access to water, ice, shade, air conditioning, showers, and meals. Visit our Upcoming Events to make donations through the Amazon Wish List. If you are ordering water, it can be delivered to EPC by entering our delivery address at checkout, or you may drop off water in our office reception area. Thank you to many who have already made donations. Contact Kristy Stoneburner with questions (kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org).

Adult Summer Sunday School resumes next Sunday in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH): at 9 a.m. led by Dr. Douglass Key. “From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians,” is a journey into the First Century world of Jesus’ life and ministry. We will meet this Wednesday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m. (ARH). Our remaining Sunday a.m. classes are 7/13, 7/20, and 7/27. Our remaining Wednesday p.m. classes are 7/9, 7/23, and 7/30. Our last class meetings are on Sunday, July 27, and Wednesday, July 30.

Footcare Ministry meets on Tuesday, July 8. We are excited to announce a new location right down the street from our previous spot with a little more room to serve. We will meet going forward at Christ Central Resource & Solution Center at 2018-A Main Street. Contact Lib Foster (libfoster@aol.com) if you can help this Summer. We meet from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

The Annual Handbell Retreat is this Saturday, July 12 (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.): Interested in participating in our music ministry? Join us on July 12 to learn handbell ringing and music reading basics, followed by lunch together. The retreat is free of cost, and we will participate in worship on July 13. Bring a friend and join us!

Children’s Music Camp is July 15-17: Registration is now closed. We still need volunteers!! If you can help out, please contact Stefanie Hammond at shammond@eastminsterpres.org.

Eastminster Arts Academy (EAA) will offer Guitar Lessons on July 22-24: for ages 16 through adults. Visit our website’s Ministries tab to find the EAA homepage where you can learn more and register. Contact Dr. Augie Gil with any questions (agil@eastminsterpres.org).

Transitions Third Thursdays continue through the Summer months: (July 17 & August 21) EPC’s lunch service at Transitions is led by Becky Airheart. Lunch volunteers, the time has changed from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Please sign up. Dinner donations and service time, led by Alison McGowan remain the same. Email Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com, or Becky Airheart at bairheart@gmail.com with questions or to help out. Thank you for serving our friends at Transitions.

Save the Dates for Holy Rest: A Contemplative Retreat on Sept 21-24: offered by Care Ministries. All are invited to join Pastors Carol Byrd and Emily Mooneyhan at The Coastal Retreat Center in Isle of Palms, SC, where we will join in contemplative prayer and a joyful smattering of mindfulness practices. Rooms are available for either single or double occupancy. Registration is open under Upcoming Events, and space is limited so register soon. A deposit of \$100 is due by July 20th.

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

Unison Reading: 2 Kings 19:10-19

¹⁰ “Thus shall you speak to King Hezekiah of Judah: Do not let your God on whom you rely deceive you by promising that Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹ See, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, destroying them utterly. Shall you be delivered? ¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered them, the nations that my predecessors destroyed: Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar? ¹³ Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, the king of Hena, or the king of Ivvah?”

¹⁴ Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it; then Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord. ¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord and said, “O Lord the God of Israel, who are enthroned above the cherubim, you are God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. ¹⁶ Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God. ¹⁷ Truly, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands ¹⁸ and have hurled their gods into the fire, though they were no gods but the work of human hands—wood and stone—and so they were destroyed. ¹⁹ So now, O Lord our God, save us, I pray you, from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O Lord, are God alone.”

Military Personnel

Spencer McCants, CW2, National Guard, SC
Lt. Cmdr William Brantley Harvey IV, Navy, Virginia
Lt. Col. Justin Self, National Guard, SC
WO1. Franklin (Trey) Shuler III, National Guard, SC
Lt. Col. Robert Shuler, Air Force, Washington, DC
Chaplain Virginia Emery, Army, Ft. Jackson
1st Lt. Luke Donaldson, Sudan
Captain Bradley Young, SC Nat. Guard, Jordan

DEACONS: KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND MARY FRANCES JOWERS
HEAD USHER: SCOT SEIGLER

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. 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
Rev. 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



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 6, 2025

10:15 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

Go Down Moses & Holy, Holy, Holy (instrumental) arr. Dick Goodwin

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

America the Beautiful MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies for amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from 2 Kings 19/Isaiah 37)

Leader: O Lord, God of your people, enthroned between the cherubim,

People: You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth.

Leader: You have made heaven and earth.

ALL: O Lord, deliver us, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone are God.

†*HYMNS OF ADORATION

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

**When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright, and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

**When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

Soon and Very Soon #384 (verse 1) SOON AND VERY SOON

To God Be the Glory #634 (verse 1) TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*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.

**RESPONSE TO THE AFFIRMATION *(Please send the children forward)*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Lord, on this independence day weekend, we recognize our dependence on you. Apart from you we are nothing. Yet we wander in our own way as if we do not need you. We mess up in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have left undone that which we should have done, and have done things which we know are wrong. Forgive us as individuals, as families, as a church, as a community, as a nation. In your mercy, turn us back to your great love waiting for us. You are the Lifter of our Heads and the Lover of our souls.

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 #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robert Schoonover

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee arr. Dick Goodwin

*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

Katie Evatt

*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

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

"The God of All Nations"

COMMISSIONING OF MIDDLE, HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

Participants: Yes, Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His word and showing His love wherever you go as you are called?

Participants: I will with God's help.

Do you welcome this responsibility because you wish to follow the Lord Jesus, love your neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world?

Participants: I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

Participants: I will, with God's help.

Do you the members and congregation gathered at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to these going forth in the service of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Do we promise to support, encourage, and pray for them as they seek to fulfill their calling and responsibilities of ministry?

Congregation: We do.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #839

Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In arr. Dick Goodwin

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

July 13, 2025

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall