

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Welcome to Summer Worship at Eastminster: with two worship services- Jubilee contemporary Worship is at 10 am in Thompson Hall, and Traditional Worship is at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. This schedule continues through Sunday, August 3rd!

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School also began today: (through July 27) and will be led by Dr. Douglass Key. We’ll meet in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 9 am before worship. Our focus will be “From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians,” a PBS Frontline Documentary Series for a journey into the First Century world of Jesus’ life and ministry. The class will repeat on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm (ARH) beginning on June 4; no class on July 6 or July 9.

“Mindfulness Mondays” Kicks off Tomorrow in the Parlor: Mindfulness Mondays is an introduction to a variety of mindfulness techniques, co-led by pastors Emily Mooneyhan & Carol Byrd. To accommodate folks’ schedules, join us on the first (9 am) or third (5 pm) Monday this Summer (June 2 & June 16, July 7 & July 21, and August 4 & August 18). As a part of Congregational Care's focus on Holistic Health and Wellbeing: mindfulness practices can be a healthy way to manage stress, lower anxiety, improve cognitive function, and connect with God. No need to sign up- just join us in the Parlor.

Transitions Third Thursdays continue through the Summer months: (June 19, July 17 & August 21) Extra hands are needed as some may be traveling. EPC’s lunch service at Transitions is led by Becky Airheart. Lunch volunteers, the time has changed to 11:45 am. Please sign up. Dinner donations and service time, led by Alison McGowan remain the same. Please bring your donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, and bananas to the Staff Kitchen by 3 pm and sign up to serve dinner at 5 pm at Transitions. 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.

Join a Small Group this Summer/Fall: EPC's Small Groups Ministry offers a variety of Small Groups (Women's, Men's, Couples and Mixed) for men and women from 20s to 90s. Each Small Group gathers weekly to study scripture, pray, and discuss how scripture impacts lives. Small Groups also serve together in the community. To find out more or join a Small Group, fill out the Small Groups Interest form in the ENews, or contact Caroline Bennett at 803-256-1654 (ext.124), or cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 23-26, 2025 (9 am - 12 pm): Rising 4K through rising 4th graders (\$20) and rising 5th and 6th graders (\$30) will learn how to “Live It Out” and love like Jesus. Register your child or volunteer via the registration form under Upcoming Events on the website.

Children’s Music Camp is July 15-17: Rising 5K through rising 6th graders are invited to attend. We will enjoy music and singing, arts and crafts, devotion time, snacks, and recreation at Eastminster. Join us from 9 am until 12 pm for three fun days of learning and expressing God’s love through music. Sign up today under Upcoming Events on our website. We also welcome parents to volunteer, please contact Stefanie Hammond at shammond@eastminsterpres.org.

Seniors Ministry Sunset Dinner Cruise on July 20: from 6 until 9:30 pm on Lake Murray, where we will be able to see a glimpse of the purple martins as they migrate. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal on the lake. Contact Laura Long (llong@eastminsterpres.org) to sign up. The cost is \$65/person.

Eastminster Arts Academy hosts EAA Arts Intensive on July 21 - 25: welcoming rising seventh graders through rising twelfth graders and adults to explore artistic expression, a joyful prelude to the Academy’s full launch in the Fall. Workshops include Musical Theatre, Beginning Guitar, and Visual Art. Visit our website MINISTRIES menu and click on the Academy link to see full details. Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship & Arts at Eastminster, leads EAA (agil@eastminsterpres.org).

Flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of our perfect God and in honor of the baptism of Cordes Baxter Kennedy, Jr. **Flowers in the narthex** are from the wedding of Natalie Gailey and Henry Tiller and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Joseph Nofal, Mr. and Mr. James Marshall Gailey, Mr. and Mr. Henry Allen White and Mr. and Mrs. William Bonneau Tiller Sr.

Unison Reading: Philippians 4:12-13

¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: PARKS BUNCH AND AUSTIN RHODES
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES (9:00 AM) AND SCOT SEIGLER (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor	Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor	Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate	Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry	Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
Louis Shirer, Organist	Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer	Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
James Cassidy, A/V Director	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director	



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 1, 2025
10:15 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

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 63)
Leader: O Lord, we have seen you in the sanctuary,
People: And beheld your power and your glory.
Leader: Because you are our help,
People: We sing in the shadow of your wings.
Leader: Our soul clings to you,
People: Your right hand upholds us.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #263
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name CORONATION

***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.

****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 Cordes Baxter Kennedy, Jr.

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188
Jesus Love Me! JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
O God of love and mercy, we come as your people who are imperfect and broken. We try so hard, we really do. But over and over, our selfish ways creep in. We say and do things we do not really mean. We fail to do the very things that you ask us to do. Forgive us, dear Lord. May your Holy Spirit give us the courage and the power to be the people you would have us to be. Help us to be more than we are. Hear us now, as we pray silently to you...

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
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
Marching to Zion Hal Hopson

***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** Ryan Causey

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Philippians 4:12-13 Page 187
Scripture Focus: 1 Samuel 17:32-49 Page 249

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

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERMON Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd
“With the Lord on Our Side”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #438**
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TOPLADY

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Cordes Baxter Kennedy, Jr. , son of Cordes and Paige Kennedy, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Steve Bryant, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

June 8, 2025
Pentecost
Rev. Emily Mooneyhan