

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Session called Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Today: immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service to vote on the Officer Nominating Committee report for the Election of Deacons (Charlotte Castles, Mark Chappell, Kirstin DiMarco, Jim Kitchens, Stephen Ross, Parker Sizemore, Stacy Strong, Lee Tupper, Dana Wilson, Taylor Wray) and Elders (Branford Breland, Yolanda Courie, Perry Crosthwaite, Mary Hanna, Rebecca Hartner, Susan Jones, Anne Kleitches, Kit Pound, Drew Richardson, Scott Verzyl) for the Class of 2028, pastors' Terms of Call, and any other items.

Today is Communion Sunday. Please contact Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (emooneyhan@eastminsterpres.org) if you or a member you know would like to receive in-home communion. Our next Communion Sunday is August 17.

Adult Summer Sunday School through July 27 Adult Reception Hall (ARH): at 9 am 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. There is a repeat of the Sunday a.m. class on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm (ARH) through July 30.

All Eastminster Facilities will be closed on Friday, July 4: Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

There is no Footcare Ministry on Tuesday, July 1.

The Dick Goodwin Quintet Returns to lead Worship on July 6: (10:15 am) Join us for patriotic hymns in the sanctuary. Breakfast is at 9 am in Thompson Hall, followed by one blended worship service. There is no Jubilee Worship service in Thompson Hall or Sunday School Classes on July 6. We will also commission our missionaries heading to Cross Missions in Charlotte, NC, (Middle School), Marsh Harbour, Bahamas, (High School), and Chiapas, Mexico (Adults).

Our next "Mindfulness Monday" is July 7, at 9 am 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.

The Annual Handbell Retreat is July 12 (9 am - 1 pm): 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: for 5K through rising 6th graders from 9 am - 12 pm. If you can help in July, please contact Stefanie Hammond at shammond@eastminsterpres.org. Registration closes tomorrow (June 30th).

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.

Join a Small Group this Summer/Fall: EPC's Small Groups Ministry offers Women's, Men's, Couples, and Mixed groups for ages 20s to 90s. To find out more or join a Small Group contact Caroline Bennett at 803-256-1654 (ext.124), or cben-nett@eastminsterpres.org.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class. Our next class starts September 21st and runs through October 26th, 2025. At First Step, you'll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Stefanie Hammond. (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

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

UNISON READING: Matthew 4:18-25

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: MARION MOSES AND MARY MCCANTS
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor

Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate

Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry

Louis Shirer, Organist

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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Rob Schoonover, 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

Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

ALL: O taste and see that the Lord is God; happy are those who take refuge in him.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

*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. Douglass D. Key

Creator God, in Your Son Jesus Christ You show us the way of love, but we fail to love in response. Rather than following Jesus' example in loving our neighbors and even our enemies, we are a divided and divisive people. All too often we separate ourselves from one another: by politics or pigmentation, by nationality or net worth. Forgive us our divisive ways, hear our silent confessions, and fill us with a vision of love inspired by Him who “came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many”.....

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.

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

Marion Moses

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“A Message for the King. And for the King in All of Us”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

- 1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.**
- 3. All our meals and all our living, make as sacraments to you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.**

*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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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

COMMUNION MEDITATION

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give the another Comforter, that He may bide with you forever; E'vn the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15-17

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.

July 6, 2025

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

One Service at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary