

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 Children’s Emphasis Sunday: We are thankful for all of the children of East-minster! Thank you Day School (3’s & 4’s) singers for leading the introits during our tradi-tional worship services with song and scripture.

“Blessing of the Animals” Peace Service is today: at 4 pm on the Field across Tren-holm. Our service will be led by Pastor Emily Mooneyhan with Pastor Carol Byrd’s assis-tance and comes from *The Book of Common Worship*. Our offering will be donations for Howlmore Animal Sanctuary. Visit our website’s Upcoming Events to see the “Wish List” for Howlmore. Bring your pets and a lawn chair and join us.

CLC Blood Drive is also today from 9 am until 2 pm: Give the gift of life! You can sign up online. There will be a bloodmobile in the CLC parking lot so as not to disrupt Sunday morning activities.

EPW’s Sisters in Christ Dinner is this Tuesday, May 6: at 5:30 pm in Thompson Hall. All women are invited and you may RSVP under Upcoming Events on our website. Life-time Member Awards will be announced during a delicious meal with friends. The cost is only \$8. Please join us!

Last Youth Wednesday p.m. Bible Studies are this Wednesday, May 7. There is an All-Youth End of the Year Party on May 18. Join us and meet Pastor Rob Schoonover, EPC’s new Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults.

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 11: when we will celebrate and recognize EPC’s 2025 High School graduates during the 11:15 am worship service in the Sanctuary.

EPW Circles One and Three will not meet on May 12: Our next Circles Meeting will be on October 13, at 10 am, in Thompson Hall.

Bible Doers Will “Do” on Wednesday, May 14, at the Olivers’: (6 - 8 am). Stop by any time. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Let’s serve together. Text Beth at 803-622-5384 with any questions.

Transitions Third Thursday Service Opportunities May 15: Meet us at Transitions at 11:30 am to serve lunch. We continue to support Third Thursday dinners by providing food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, and bananas) by 3 pm (Staff Kitchen), or serving dinner at 5 pm both at Transitions. You can sign up to volunteer for either AM or PM meal support via Upcoming Events.

May 18 is Communion Sunday: If you or you know of a member who would like to receive In-Home Communion, please contact Kelly McGrady in the Church Office at ext. 123.

May 18 is our Youth Ministry End of the Year Party: Look for details from Emily Higgins via the ENews. Pastor Rob Schoonover will also begin serving as Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults on Sunday, May 18.

Join us Memorial Day Weekend for Breakfast and Blended Worship Sunday, May 25: Intergenerational Breakfast will be at 9 am in Thompson Hall (no Sunday School) fol-lowed by one blended worship service at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Join a Small Group: EPC's Small Groups Ministry offers a variety of SGs (Women's, Men's, Couples, and Mixed) for men and women (ages 20s to 90s). Each Small Group gathers weekly for study, prayer, and discussions. Fill out the interest form on our website under Ministries/Adults/Small Groups, or contact Caroline Bennett at 803-256-1654 or cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

Save the Dates! 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.” Register your child or volunteer via the registration form on our Upcoming Event on the website.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack and Ellen Scoville by George McCutchen.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DARREN KNIGHT AND CLAY SHARPE
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
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Louis Shirer, Organist
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Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
James Cassidy, A/V 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
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EASTMINSTER
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 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
Prélude Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
This Little Light of Mine Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP
Galatians 5:13 EDS Threes 9:00 am
Psalm 23 EDS Fours 11:15 am

†*HYMN OF ADORATION (Congregation, please join in at verse 2)
Jesus in the Morning Traditional

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.
2. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in morning, praise Him in the noontime.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down.
3. Love Him, love Him, love Him in the morning, love Him in the noontime.
Love Him, love Him, love Him when the sun goes down.
4. Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him in the morning, serve Him in the noontime.
Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him when the sun goes down.
5. Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him in the morning, thank Him in the noon-time. Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him when the sun goes down.

***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** (*Please send the children forward.*)
My God Is So Big EDS Threes (9:00 am)
I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy EDS Fours (11:15 am)

****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
Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, self-centered when we should be selfless, and passive when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin, even as we lift our prayers in this 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 #518
Your Only Son LAMB OF GOD

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
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
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Kathleen Thomerson

***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** Darren Knight

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-5 Page 320
New Testament: John 6:1-11 Page 91

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. W. Croskeys Royall
“Little Hands, Big Gifts”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #547**
Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

***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
Improvisation

***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.

May 11, 2025
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith