

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Thank You to All Who have Submitted 2025 Pledge Commitments: Pledge cards available at our Welcome Centers. Fill out a pledge card and drop it: in the offering plate or by the Church Office to Christy Rippy’s (EPC Treasurer) attention. You may also pledge online via our website.

ECAMP (Eastminster Children’s Afternoon Music Program) is Tonight for K4-Fifth Graders: Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, musical activities, and dinner; pick up is at 6:30 pm. Don’t forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer to help.

Bible Doers will “Do” on Wednesday, November 20, at the Oliver's’ from 6 to 8 am: Prepare and pray over pasta salad for Transitions. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you!

Last WE@EPC Meal is Wednesday, November 20, in Thompson Hall (5:15 pm): MENU- Stuffed Turkey Breasts, Harvest Rice Pilaf, Squash Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, & Rolls - *Kids Meal: Chicken Legs & Mac-n-Cheese. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday.*

Serve at Transitions on Thursday, November 21: Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm or meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or to serve the meal at 5 pm. To help, contact Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

The Columbia Women's Shelter's Annual Chick-fil-A Souper is November 21: Stop by Thompson Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm for a bowl of soup to benefit our local women's shelter. The minimum donation is \$5/bowl, and all proceeds go toward assisting women in The Midlands during the holidays.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes due next Sunday: Pick up a box from the Parlor, Sunshine Room, or CLC and fill it with gift items for children; return it by November 24. Also, join us in Charlotte in December to volunteer at the Processing Center and send these gifts around the world.

Giving for “Homeless No More”: Fulfill specific needs at St. Lawrence Place and Family Shelter. Donate gifts from wish lists by December 2 or volunteer to serve a Christmas Lunch on December 14. Visit our website for detailed information.

Football Fan Food Drive Continues! Join the food drive and support Harvest Hope. Drop off donations in your team’s bin at the church, CLC, or Day School. Let’s make a difference together!

Poinsettia Dedications (\$25.00) for Advent are due December 9: The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria donations for live wreaths, greenery, and poinsettias to decorate Eastminster for Christmas. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center or fill out the online form with the wording you would like to have printed in the bulletins. Checks should be made out to Eastminster with “Poinsettia Memorials and Honoraria” in the memo line.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Charles Oliver “Charlie” Hines by his grandparents, Susie and Oliver Hines. **Cornuccopia in the Trenholm Road entrance** is given in love and thanksgiving for the lives of Henry and Susan DaVega and in memory of Ellen DaVega by their family: Susan Gibbins, Anita Rownd and Michael DaVega. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given by the Beckwith family in memory of Kip Beckwith, Sr. and Sonny Barr.

MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor	
Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor	Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
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James Cassidy, A/V Director	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian

UNISON READING: Proverbs 3:5-10

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
⁸It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.
⁹Honor the LORD with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Psalm 16, NRSV

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”[a]
3 As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.
4 Those who choose another god
multiply their sorrows;[b]
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
7 I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
10 For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16, The Message

1-2 Keep me safe, O God,
I’ve run for dear life to you.
I say to God, “Be my Lord!”
Without you, nothing makes sense.
3 And these God-chosen lives all around—
what splendid friends they make!
4 Don’t just go shopping for a god.
Gods are not for sale.
I swear I’ll never treat god-names like brand-names.
5-6 My choice is you, God, first and only.
And now I find I’m your choice!
You set me up with a house and yard.
And then you made me your heir!
7-8 The wise counsel God gives when I’m awake
is confirmed by my sleeping heart.
Day and night I’ll stick with God;
I’ve got a good thing going and I’m not letting go.
9-10 I’m happy from the inside out,
and from the outside in, I’m firmly formed.
You canceled my ticket to hell—that’s not my destination!
11 Now you’ve got my feet on the life path,
all radiant from the shining of your face.
Ever since you took my hand,
I’m on the right way.

DEACONS: JOHN SHUFORD AND JOSH LIVINGSTON
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) AND BILL COGGINS(11:15 AM)

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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 2024
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
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Cathy Moglebust
Memorial Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 16
Leader: Scripture declares that God is always with us, that surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
People: We come this morning to re-member that God is with us and we are with God,
Leader: In this time of worship, may our hearts be glad and our souls rejoice;
People: May our bodies rest secure, may our minds find clarity in God who shows us the path of life.
All: In God’s presence there is fullness of joy. Let us unite our hearts and voices to worship the Lord, our God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #664
Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

***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 come to the front and bring their offering.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Charles Oliver Hines *(9:00 am)*
Emma Louise Green *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise KINGDOM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. J . Ben Sloan
**Our hearts are hard, O God – soften them with your love. Our hands are clenched, O God – open them with your grace. Our minds are preoccu-
pied with self, O God - transform them to dream your dreams. Our feet
are planted too firmly, O God – invite us to dance with you. Forgive us
our waywardness, O God, forgive us our sin, and hear our confessions in
this time of silent prayer....**

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 #175
Seek Ye First LAFFERTY
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these
things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd
**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
The Best of Rooms Randall Thompson
Christ, He requires still, where-so’er He comes, To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part Of all the house: the best of all’s the heart.
Robert Herrick, ‘*Christ’s Part*’ (1647)

***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** Josh Livingston

*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**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Proverbs 3:5-10 Page 553
Scripture Focus: Psalm 16 Page 469

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“I’m happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I’m firmly
formed”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #724**
O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL’S STORY

***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
field 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 class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing
ministries. Our next class will began March 2, 2025 in the Adult Reception Hall.*

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Charles Oliver Hines, son of Jen and John Hines, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Paternal grandfather Oliver Hines will offer the baptismal prayer.

Emma Louise Green, daughter of Erin and Dustin Green, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Johnny Hudgens will offer the baptismal prayer.

November 24, 2024
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith