

## 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 2026 Pledge Commitments:** Pledge cards are available at our Welcome Centers. You may either fill out a pledge card and drop it in the offering plate or by the Church Office to Christy Rippy's (EPC Treasurer) attention, or make your pledge online via our website. Go to [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and click on the PLEDGE button.

**MSB's November Food Drive:** The game has changed! We are now ONE team with ONE goal to help our neighbors in need by donating food and funds for Harvest Hope. Our goal is 5,000 lbs of food for Harvest Hope. Week 2: November 16 Tally: 1,901 lbs-38% of our Goal! There is a list of preferred food donations under the Upcoming Event, and monetary donations can also be made via the REGISTER HERE button. Fight Hunger...Feed Hope. Let's GO!!!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due back to Eastminster Today:** You may return boxes to the OCC tables around campus either this morning or tonight when you come back. Shipping is \$10/shoebox and can be paid online or by writing a check to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to all who filled a box this year and to those who are helping at our OCC tables.

**Sundays@5 Classes and Programming ends Tonight:** Our Winter/Spring semester for WE@EPC and Sundays@5 begins in January. Look for information in the next magazine.

**Kingdom Kids (4K-2nd) and Club 345 (3rd, 4th & 5th) meet tonight from 5 - 6:30 p.m.:** Kingdom Kids drop off in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop off in Room 256 of the Education Building. Extra hands are needed and appreciated on Sundays. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help out ([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)). See emails from Ms. Stefanie about Christmas rehearsal dates and times!

**MSB's Homeless No More Collection:** Thank you to all who shopped Amazon for adults. A generous member has donated the balance of the presents for adults. Stocking stuffers can be dropped off at EPC and are due by Monday, December 1st.

**Eastminster Facilities will be closed on Thursday through Saturday, November 27 - 29:** Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

**Poinsettia Dedications (\$25.00) may be made through Monday, December 8th:** The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria donations 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. Please return hard copies with checks to Julie McDaniel in the Church Office.

**EPW's Holiday Social is Saturday, December 13, at the Bullard's house from 2 to 4 p.m.:** Save the date and plan to join us. All Eastminster women are invited. There will be shuttles from the upper Medway lot beginning at 2 p.m. Donations for the Columbia Women's Shelter can be made by scanning the QR Code or by visiting the Upcoming Event on our website. It is a lovely time each December for fellowship and giving.

**Bring an Ornament in Honor of a Loved One to Help Decorate the Memory Tree:** This special memorial tree is moving to the Adult Reception Hall this Advent. You may drop off ornaments at the Church Office reception. Just look for the blue bin. We'll be adding ornaments to the tree throughout the season.

**Ladies, you may still register for The Vine Women's Retreat:** Make plans to join us at The Cove in Asheville from January 30 - February 1st, 2026. We are excited to welcome guest speaker, Sophie Hudson. Visit the Upcoming Event on our website to RSVP and make payments. The final payment is due on Friday, January 9th.

**The cornucopia 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 sanctuary** are given in celebration of the baptism of McLain Palmer Bowman by his grandparents, Thom and Cindy Palmer.

## Unison Reading: Psalm 105:1-4

- O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.  
3 Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
4 Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

## SERMON NOTES

### Pledge Status Report as of November 17, 2025

*Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet done so, please give us an estimate of your giving to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2026.*

223 Pledges Increased  
85 Pledges With No Change  
19 Pledges Decreased  
41 New Pledges  
For a total of 368 pledges totaling \$4,124,335  
121 pledges were made for 2025, but not yet for 2026

**DEACONS:** ZACK HUDSON AND DAVID ELLISON  
**HEAD USHER:** BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON McDONALD (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. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.  
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Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian  
Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

[www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)

## 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

*Today the Son of God Triumphs, BWV 630*

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

People: **Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

All: **The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

LYONS

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

## \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*from Colossians 1:15-20*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

McLain Palmer Bowman *(9:00 am)*

William Callahan Elliott (11:15 am)

## BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

## \*\*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

**Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the powers, prestige and principalities of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations in silent prayer, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom...**

## 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 #14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

## 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

*When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

Charles V. Stanford

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often making music, we have found A new dimension in the world of sound, As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! So has the church in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia! Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Frederick Pratt Green

## \*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

Zack Hudson

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Psalm 105:1-4**

Scripture Focus: Colossians 1:11-20

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“The Image of the Invisible”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #17

*Sing Praise to God, You Heavens*

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

## 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.*

## DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

McLain Palmer Bowman, son of Melissa and Seth Bowman, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Kelley Liggitt will offer the baptismal prayer.

William Callahan Elliott, son of Mary Kate and JD Elliott, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Maternal grandfather Kelly Durham will offer the baptismal prayer.

## November 30, 2025

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Matthew 24:36-44

“This Hour”

\*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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