

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Socks in a Box Collection during October: MSB and ACCESS ministries are collecting men’s and women’s white or black ankle and/or tube socks for Footcare. Please drop them off at a “Socks in a Box” bin around campus by October 31st.

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 study led by Dr. Douglass Key continues through November 23: (Gray Music Room). If you missed last Sunday’s class, access the video on our website under the Adults Ministry tab.

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).

EPW Circles One and Three meet Tomorrow at 10 a.m., in Thompson Hall: Join us for fellowship and a devotional. Eastminster Presbyterian Women’s Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

Join the Bible Doers on Wednesday morning at the Oliver’s: to help out with food donations for Transitions. Come by any time between 6 and 8 a.m. for coffee, fellowship, prayer, and service. We meet each third Wednesday.

WE@EPC Meals on Wednesdays: in Thompson Hall at 5:15 p.m. before class. Visit Upcoming Events to RSVP. You may pay online or at the door when you get here.

WE@EPC Introduction to the New Testament: (through 11/19) in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) is a chance for busy adults to take a high-level look at the New Testament. The video component is the *Disciple Bible Study*.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan on Wednesdays in October: Join us as we read scripture and meditate, reflect, and refocus on God. Lectio will be offered on the five Wednesdays of October at the CLC in Room 265.

Transitions Third Thursday is October 16th: Visit Upcoming Events to sign up for lunch or dinner meal service. Food donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, and bananas are due to the Church Office Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. on the 16th.

The First Payment for EPW’s Vine Retreat is due October 17th: Join us at The Cove on January 30th - February 1st with guest speaker and author, Sophie Hudson. Register via Upcoming Events on our website.

Falcon Sunday is October 19 during Jubilee Contemporary Worship: Welcome and celebrate AC Flora's Football players and families (Thompson Hall). Flora Friday pre-game meals and devotionals at EPC began in 2009.

She Sings Benefit Concert is October 21st, at 7:00 p.m.: in the Sanctuary. Enjoy the beautiful voices of area vocalists. No ticket required, but all donations will benefit Epworth Home.

Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is Thursday, October 23rd, at Christi and Steve Hinson’s: If you are in your fifties and sixties with a more flexible schedule these days, please join us to catch up after Summer. Please RSVP and sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert.

Dedication Sunday is October 26: the Stewardship Committee, invites all to a celebration of thanks in the Courtyard at 10 a.m., and dedication of that newly renovated space made possible by the Inspirational Giving Initiative. Please plan to join us.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Kicks off on October 26th: Pick up a box and fill it with gifts for a child across the globe! Volunteers will be needed on Sundays. You will be able to sign up soon.

Our next Cancer Care Meeting is on October 29th, at 6 p.m. (Room E-351): If you are facing challenges due to a cancer diagnosis, please join us in a safe place to share.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our precious Charles H. Dickerson by his family. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given in loving memory of Harriet Bishop McCoy by her family.

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the Lord:

**Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.**

**⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.**

**They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.**

**⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.**

**⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.**

**It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: GEOFF REABOLD AND LUCY SCOVILLE
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, who delight in reflecting on God’s Word.
People: **We long to hear the Word of God, to be fed like a tree planted by water.**
Leader: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God, who hunger to love God and neighbor.
People: **We yearn to love the Lord our God, bearing fruit in all we say and do.**
ALL: **We gather to worship and find new life, to open our hearts and minds, hands and mouths, to our living Lord!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #329
God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength WINCHESTER OLD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Rob Schoonover

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Edith Simpson Kiphart (9:00 am)
Sutton Grace Young (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #475
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON
1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**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 (9 am)
Rev. Rob Schoonover (11:15)

Forgive us, O Lord, our propensity to take you for granted. Forgive us when we ignore your clear warning that, “Cursed is the strong one who depends on mere humans, who thinks he can make it on muscle alone and sets God aside as dead weight. He’s like a tumbleweed on the prairie, out of touch with the good earth. He lives rootless and aimless in a land where nothing grows." Forgive us, O Master, and help us turn afresh to you even 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
He Is Lord
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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
God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness Ford/Arr. McDonald
God of beauty, truth and goodness, Lord of wisdom yet unknown - grant us strength to match the vision as we come before your throne. Stand for truth and cry for justice, share with those who don't belong. And remember as you serve them, sing for those who have no song. Sing a joyful "alleluia," praising God in all you do, and remember as you witness, God is singing over you. Run with faith and live with honor, bearing witness in His call. As disciples, build the future until Christ is Lord of all. Make a joyful celebration, God in Christ has conquered death. If you really are a witness, sing until you have no breath. Sing a joyful "alleluia," praising God in all you do, and remember as you witness, God is singing over you.

*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 Geoff Reabold

*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: Jeremiah 17:5-8 Page 676
Scripture Focus: John 16:1-11: 29-33 Page 104

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“In This World You Will Have Trouble....So Practice Gratitude”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #39
Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

*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 AT EASTMINSTER?
Join us for the First Step Class that begins today! 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).

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Edith Simpson Kiphart , daughter of Jean and John Kiphart , will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Maternal aunt Kay Benton will offer the baptismal prayer.

Sutton Grace Young, daughter of Hannah and Bradley Young, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Elder Jeff Casto will offer the baptismal prayer.

October 19, 2025
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
2 Corinthians 8:1-7
“Grace Under Fire”