

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

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).

Our next Mindfulness Monday is Tomorrow, at 5 p.m. in the Parlor: Led by Pastors Emily Mooneyhan and Carol Byrd, we'll learn mindfulness techniques. No need to register, just meet us in the parlor.

She Sings Benefit Concert is this Tuesday, 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.

WE@EPC Meals on Wednesdays through November 19th: 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 Lectio Divina led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan on Wednesdays in October: Join us as we read scripture and meditate, reflect, and refocus on God. Join us in the CLC in Room 265.

Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is this 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 via Upcoming Events on the website.

Dedication Sunday is next Sunday, October 26: On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, you are invited 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 for fellowship and refreshments (including a coffee tasting) accompanied by bagpipe music.

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.

Fall Fest is October 26th, from 3 - 5 p.m. on the Field: TRUMC and SUMC are partnering with EPC this year. Enjoy Trunk or Treat, the Cakewalk, Inflatables and sweets. Come in costume and enjoy. Volunteers are needed.

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. Friends are always welcome.

All Saints (Communion) Sunday is November 2nd (Sanctuary Worship): when we remember those members of Eastminster who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past year.

Register for the Advent Retreat by November 2nd: Join us in Montreat Dec 5th-7th with Keynote Rev. Dr. John McCall. There are only two weeks left to register. Sign up via Upcoming Events on our website

EAA's Christmas Ornament "Make & Take" Workshop is November 10th: led by Lindsay Cobb in Thompson Hall from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Help decorate our new Jubilee Tree. The cost is \$35. Sign up under Upcoming Events.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Exodus 22:21-30

²¹ “You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. ²² You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. ²³ If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; ²⁴ my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

²⁵ “If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. ²⁶ If you take your neighbor's cloak as guarantee, you shall restore it before the sun goes down, ²⁷ for it may be your neighbor's only clothing to use as a cover. In what else shall that person sleep? And when your neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

²⁸ “You shall not revile God or curse a leader of your people.

²⁹ “You shall not delay to make offerings from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses.^[a]

“The firstborn of your sons you shall give to me. ³⁰ You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep: seven days it shall remain with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JONI RICHARDSON AND KRIS WHITESIDE
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (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
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
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Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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
Kirchensonate in C-Dur, KV 328 Wolfgang A. Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *(9:00 AM only)*
The Wise Man and the Foolish Man Traditional
Kingdom Kids

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 135
Leader: Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth;
People: the Lord is our God, and greatly to be praised;
Leader: God is gracious, just and righteous;
People: let us give ourselves to God through worship and through work.
ALL: Let us unite our hearts in worship, our voices in song, and our hands in service. Let us worship God!

†***HYMN OF ADORATION** *(9:00 AM, on screens)*
Praise Him, Praise Him
†***HYMN OF ADORATION # 664***(11:15 AM)*
Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

***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 TO THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(9:00 AM)*
I Will Love You Lord Sandy Wilkinson
Kingdom Kids
(Please send the children forward.)

****GLORIA PATRI (11:15 AM)** *(Please send the children forward.)*

****TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Emily Mooneyhan
Holy God, you are the giver of all good things. All that we are and all that we have come from your gracious generosity. Lord, forgive us for our foolish thinking that we have “earned” that which has been entrusted to us Cleanse us from the sin that blinds us from seeing your goodness, and help us not only acknowledge your generous care, but respond by giving of ourselves in response to your grace. Lord, shape us and mold us into the people you would have us be, so that we may bear witness to Your love in this world. Hear our prayer as well as those we offer in the silence of our hearts...

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
Deep Peace Elaine Hagenberg
String Quartet, Margie Moore, Savannah Elgin, Douglas Temples, Eunice Koh

***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** Joni Richardson

*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: Exodus 22:21-30 Page 66
Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Page 172

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Grace Under Fire”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #612**
We Praise You O God KREMSER

***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
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 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).

October 26, 2025
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
2 Corinthians 9:6-12
“Spreading Seeds”
Dedication Sunday