

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 Peanut Butter Sunday: You will find collection bins in our reception areas for Harvest Hope. Thank you for your donations each fourth Sunday to help prevent hunger insecurity in our community.

Farewell Reception today in honor of and thanksgiving for Rev. Dr. Ben Sloan: in the Courtyard following our 11:15 a.m. worship services. Ben will serve as the interim pastor at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. Please stop by to thank Ben and Kay for their ministry and service at Eastminster.

The First Step Class for Guests interested in Membership at Eastminster: began last Sunday. Those interested may still join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) during the Sunday School hour (10 - 11 am). Take the “First Step” to learn the many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Stefanie Hammond. (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key continues: (Gray Music Room). Join us for a biblical case-study to learn what true surrender to God’s sovereignty looks like. If you missed last Sunday’s class, access the video on our website under the Adults Ministry tab.

Sundays@5 Women’s Bible Study on Revelation is tonight: at 5 p.m. in Room E-353. This five-week study is a continuation led by Emily Craig. Contact Marsha Moseley (mhmoseley11@gmail.com) with questions.

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).

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 Marriage Enrichment Class with Dr. Douglass Key: (through 11/19) in Room E-357 is a chance for married couples of all ages to do a milestone check-up. Join us to see where you are and learn ways to strengthen your relationship. Class begins at 6 pm. Please sign up soon under Upcoming Events.

WE@EPC Introduction to the New Testament with Dr. Ben Sloan: (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*. Sign up via Upcoming Events and join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Socks in a Box Collection during the month of October: We 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.

WE@EPC Lectio Divina led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan begins this Wednesday, October 1: 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.

Next Sunday, October 5th, is World Communion Sunday.

USC School of Music’s Concert Choir and University Chorus present “Side by Side:” on October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dr. Augie Gil to conduct the chorus. This is a free event open to the public. Join us!

EPW’s Vine Retreat is January 30th - February 1st at the Cove: with guest speaker and author, Sophie Hudson. A \$100 non-refundable payment is due next Monday, October 6. Register and make your payment via Upcoming Events.

EPW Circles One and Three Meet October 13th, 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.

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

Unison Reading: 3:7-14

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: ADAM HEGLER AND SUSAN RATTEREE
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
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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.
Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship and Arts
Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

9:00 AND 1:15 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 worshiping our living God.
“So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God’s glory.” Romans 15:7

PRELUDE
Allegro from “Water Music” G.F. Handel, arr. Michael R. Keller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT
Hold Out Your Light Moses Hogan

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains
People: **Where does my help come from?**
All: **My help comes from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.**

†***HYMN OF ADORATION #14**
For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

***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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00 am)
Bleckley Elizabeth McDougald and Cauley King McDougald

BAPTISMAL HYMN #487
These Treasured Children PUER NOBIX NASCITUR

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Carol J. Byrd
Lord, we confess our love for you grows cold and our seeking you falls short. Make a thirst for you expand deep within us. We have been distracted by things that feed our own comfort and ego. We confess we do not want to bear the cross. Forgive us and set a fire in us to know you more and spread your love.

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 Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
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
Grazioso Arnold B. Sherman

***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** Sandy Spann

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Philippians 3:7-14 Page 187
Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 9:23-24 Page 667

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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SERMON Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
“Know Him and Make Him Known”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #450**
Be Thou My Vision SLANE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
“Remember you go nowhere by accident. Where you are going God is sending you. Where you are He has placed you. God has a purpose for your life right where you are. Christ Jesus who indwells you has something that He wants you to do in and through your life. Believe this! And go in His grace, in His love, and in His power! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** Lee Turner
May the Road Rise to Meet You
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

***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?
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DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Bleckely Elizabeth McDougald and Cauley King McDougald, daughters of Kinley and Ben McDougald , will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9 am service. Paternal grandfather Douglas McDougald will offer the baptismal prayer.

October 5, 2025
Rev. Rob Schoonover
World Communion Sunday”