

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Welcome to “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday”: Guests are invited to join us for lunch in the gym, following 11:15 a.m. worship. Stop by the Welcome Center to learn more about the ministries at Eastminster.

Cookies for First Responders Outreach Today: Thank you to all who are helping! Please drop off cookies in the parlor, Sunshine Room, or CLC lobby. If you are delivering cookies, pick up is in the CLC lobby. Don’t forget to take a photo when you drop off cookies and send to communications@eastminsterpres.org.

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key Starts Tonight (Gray Music Room): Walk through a biblical case study for surrendering to God’s sovereignty. We will immerse ourselves in God’s word that weighed heavily upon Jeremiah in the final days before the Babylonian exile.

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. Contact Ms. Stefanie to help!

Servant Leadership Awards Dinner is this Wednesday, September 10th (TH): when first responders in our community are recognized for excellence in leadership and service. Please sign up under Upcoming Events by Wednesday at noon.

Church-wide Fire Drill is next Sunday, September 14, during the Sunday School Hour (10-11 am): Infants through 8th graders will evacuate. Ninth graders and up will remain in their classrooms.

Bradley Lunch Buddies Needed...Mentor a Student this Fall: Additional volunteers are needed to help students two Tuesdays a month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Bradley. Contact Stan Holland (sholland@eastminsterpres.org) or John McArthur (jbmstr360@gmail.com) to sign up.

Support Bradley Students with Weekend Food: Contact Julia White (jgwhite4@gmail.com) for more information about our partnership with Bradley Elementary to send nutritious food home with students on weekends.

EPC Members Only Pickleball Play Mondays this Fall (5:15-8 p.m.): Enjoy exercise, fun, and fellowship at the CLC.

New Fall Small Groups: Tuesdays: 10 a.m. Women's (50s/60s); 12 p.m. Men’s (50s/60s); Wednesdays: 12 p.m. Co-ed (all ages); 6 p.m. Young Adults (20s/30s); Thursdays 4:15 pm. Pickleball/Prayer Co-ed (all ages); Fridays 7:30 a.m. Men’s. Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to inquire.

EPW’s Fall Gathering is Tuesday, September 16th (TH), at 11:30 a.m.: All women of Eastminster are invited to catch up after Summer and learn about the year’s upcoming studies and events. Rev. Rob Schoonover, EPC’s Associate Pastor for Sr. High Youth, will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP!

WE@EPC Meals and Classes Kick off on September 17th: Join us in Thompson Hall for dinner at 5:15 p.m. before class. Please RSVP each Wednesday by noon. Visit Upcoming Events on our website to make meal reservations and learn more/register for classes: New Testament Class with Dr. Brad Smith and others (ARH) and Marriage Enrichment (E-357) for married couples of all ages with Dr. Douglass Key.

Transitions Third Thursday Service Opportunities September 18th: Meet us at Transitions at 11:45 a.m. to serve lunch. We also continue to support Third Thursday dinners by providing food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, and bananas) by 3 p.m. (Staff Kitchen), packaging food at 3 p.m., or serving dinner at 5 p.m. at Transitions. Please sign up for either AM or PM meal support via Upcoming Events.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class on September 21st. 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).

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

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 5:1-3

**Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
look around and take note!**

**Search its squares and see
if you can find one person
who acts justly**

and seeks truth—

so that I may pardon Jerusalem.

**²Although they say, “As the Lord lives,”
yet they swear falsely.**

³O Lord, do your eyes not look for truth?

You have struck them,

but they felt no anguish;

you have consumed them,

but they refused to take correction.

They have made their faces harder than rock;

they have refused to turn back.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JOSH LIVINGSTON AND ROBERT SIMMONS
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (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
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Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
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Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 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
“Allegro” from Concerto in A Minor J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Mack Wilberg

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Even when dismay is our daily companion, God is with us.
People: God's love enfolds us even when we are discouraged.
Leader: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for living.
People: God's grace softens our tears and knits us together as one people.
All: We gather together to worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth. Alleluia! Amen!

†***HYMN OF ADORATION #32**
I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (9:00 am)
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall (11:15 am)

***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 Grady Hutchinson Kay (11:15 am)

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Dear Gracious God, the prophet calls us on the carpet: we are quick to speak about you, but slower to follow you in our daily living. We are quick to want justice for ourselves, but slower, much slower to want justice for others, especially the voiceless. Forgive us. Forgive our tendency to alienate ourselves from you, from one another, and from being the people you create us to be. Hear our confession, O Master, 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 Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
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
To You, O God, All Creatures Sing arr. David Hendrix

***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** Julie Hudson

*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 5:1-3 Page 661
Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 5:4-9 Page 661

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Pardon Us”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #625**
O Lord, My God HOW GREAT THOU ART

***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 face, 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?
Contact the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, which begins September 21. First Step is designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Grady Hutchinson Kay, son of Amelia and Jordan Kay , will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Laura Twitty will offer the baptismal prayer

September 14, 2025
Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
Jeremiah 7:1-15