

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

**VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG—All are invited to sing

God So Loved Crocker/Simpson

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF PRAISE—All are invited to sing

King of My Heart John Mark and Sarah McMillan

(After the song, 3K—5K children may be dismissed to Children's Church)

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** 

Unison Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 Scripture Focus: Luke 10:38-42

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Douglass Key

"Not Just Any Dinner Guest"

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

**TIME OF OFFERING**Officer's Prayer: Darren Knight

**SONG OF OFFERING**—All are invited to listen and reflect

Build My Life Younker/Martin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

\*SONG OF RESPONSE—All are invited to sing

Same God Lake/Brown/Barrett/Furtick

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*WE RESPOND TO THE BENEDICTION

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 field and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## **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.

(Please see reverse for Announcements)



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

**Today is World Communion Sunday:** To honor the missionaries that Eastminster supports in 15 different countries, flags of those nations will be on display in the Sanctuary, the Narthex, and Thomson Hall for the next week.

**Sundays@5 Adult Evening Class Led by Dr. Douglass Key is Tonight:** a church-wide Fall study on Rick Lawrence's book, *Editing Jesus*. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). A repeat class will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in Room E-357.

**ECAMP (Eastminster Children's Afternoon Music Program) is Tonight for K4-Fifth Graders:** (5 - 6:30 pm). Dropoff in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, and musical activities followed by dinner. Don't forget to register your singer(s) and volunteer to help out.

**EPW's The Vine Retreat is February 7-9, 2025, at The Cove:** Enjoy time away in a beautiful, spiritual setting for study, fellowship, and delicious meals. Learn from and be inspired by speaker Niki Hardy, author of titles including, *Breathe Again* and *How to Trust God When You Can't Stop Worrying*. Save the dates and join us. The initial nonrefundable payment (\$100) is due October 7 to the Church Office. You will be able to register soon via our website.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Request for Clean-up Buckets:** This is a great way for youth and seniors, Small Groups and families to help out. Visit our website's Upcoming Events (October 9) to see the list of cleaning items. Bring items to Hurricane Relief bins (Church Office, Sunshine Room, CLC) or meet us on October 9, in the CLC Gym to assemble buckets from 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Your donations and/or help assembling will be greatly appreciated.

**WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, October 9, in Thompson Hall:** Join us at 5:15 pm for dinner before class. MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Mixed Vegetables & Rolls - Kids Meal: Meatloaf. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Visit Ministries/Fellowship/WE@EPC Meal RSVP at <a href="https://www.eastminsterpres.org">www.eastminsterpres.org</a>. New Pricing: Children 0-5: FREE, Children 6-9:\$4.00, and 10+:\$8. There is no household cap. Please pay with cash or check at the door.

**WE@EPC Classes Resume on Wednesday:** Bible 101 meets at 6 pm in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH), and the Parenting Class meets in Rooms 271-273 (CLC).

**Recruiting for CHAMPS (Communities Helping & Assisting Motivating Promising Students):** Are you a leader with a passion for making a meaningful impact? Join our steering committee or parent council. CHAMPS is a dynamic, growing program dedicated to empowering underserved youth to reach their fullest potential. If you are interested, please contact Stan Holland, Dir. (<a href="mailto:sholland@eastminsterpres.org">sholland@eastminsterpres.org</a>).

**Invitation to Change (ITC) will Resume Meeting on October 10:** ITC is a community that welcomes family and friends of those struggling with substance abuse issues. We will now meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, October 10 and October 24. Contact Susan Ratteree (emilyd@sc.rr.com) with questions.

**Middle School Lock-Out is this Friday, October 11:** from 7 pm Friday until 7 am on Saturday morning. See GroupMe Texts from Emily Higgins, Director of MS Youth. Drop-off/pick-up in the CLC parking lot.

The Peace Service is October 13, at 4 pm, in the Adult Reception Hall: for folks seeking a contemplative worship experience. Come and join in a time of quiet prayer and communion with God.

**Prayer, Song, and Communion on the Front Lawn, October 13th at 4 pm:** Our October Peace Service will be held outdoors, all are welcome to come and join in a time of prayer for those who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like, and let's gather together in worship and prayer.

**Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is October 24 at the Agee's, from 7 -9 pm:** We are couples or singles in our 50s and 60s gathering for fellowship, fun and prayer! RSVP under Upcoming Events, and sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert. Also, bring canned good items to benefit Harvest Hope.

**Deacons serving in Worship today:**Darren Knight and Zack Hudson

