

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

**VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG—All are invited to sing

Your Love Awakens Me

Wickham/Quilala

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF PRAISE—All are invited to sing

Rest On Us Lake/Smith/Bashta/Jay/White/Brown

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** 

Unison Reading: Matthew 12:9-14 Scripture Focus: Matthew 12:15-21

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Bradlev D. Smith

"Seeking God First... Without Editing Jesus"

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND LORD'S PRAYER

**TIME OF OFFERING**Officer's Prayer: Connie Derrick

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

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\*SONG OF RESPONSE—All are invited to sina

Praise Lake/Moore/Brown/Carnes/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.

## **WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER**

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.



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

**Thank you to all who have submitted 2025 Pledge Commitments:** There are pledge cards available at our Welcome Centers. Fill one out and drop it: in the offering plate or by the Church Office to Christy Rippy's (EPC Treasurer) attention. You may also pledge online via our website at <a href="https://www.eastminsterpres.org">www.eastminsterpres.org</a>. Click the blue "PLEDGE" button at the top of the homepage to fill out the virtual Pledge Card.

**Harvest Hope & Hurricane Relief Football Fan Food Drive is Back!** Feed the need; Fuel the fight! Join the food drive and support Harvest Hope and Hurricane Relief. Throughout the month of November, drop off donations in your team's bin at the church, CLC, or Day School. Let's make a difference together!

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

**EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 am in Thompson Hall:** Join us for fellowship and discussion on Max Lucado's *How Happiness Happens* about finding "lasting joy" in today's world. EPW Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

An Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Youth and Their Families: Eastminster is seeking a passionate and qualified Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and their Families. The search committee has been hard at work since May searching for the next Youth pastor who will guide our thriving youth program of over 65 active participants. The search committee is actively working with prayerful reflection to find the right leader who aligns with Eastminster's values and inspires our young people. Stay tuned for more updates!

**WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, November 13, in Thompson Hall (5:15 pm):** MENU- Pot Roast, Potatoes and Green Beans, Steamed Carrots & Rolls - Kids Meal: Pot Roast. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. **You can now pay for your meal online or pay with cash or check at the door.** 

**Tour the Koger Center for the Arts on Thursday, November 14, at 10 am:** This is a free tour led by Technical Director, Steve Borders, and all adults are invited. Contact Laura Long (<u>llong@eastminsterpres.org</u>) to reserve your seat on the bus.

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes:** Send a gift-filled shoebox in Jesus' name to children overseas. Pick up a box from the Parlor, Sunshine Room, or CLC. Then, fill it with gift items for children, and return the filled box to Eastminster by November 24. To volunteer at one of our tables on Sunday morning, contact Beth Oliver at <a href="mailto:betholiver2@yahoo.com">betholiver2@yahoo.com</a>.

**Bible Doers will "Do" on Wednesday, November 20, at the Olivers' 6 am to 8 am:** Prepare and pray over pasta salad for Transitions. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Text Beth at 803-622-5384 with questions.

**Serve at Transitions on Thursday, November 21:** Drop off donations of bananas, pasta salad, and pound cakes to the Church Office (staff kitchen) by 3 pm or meet at Transitions at 3:45 pm to package food, or to serve the meal at 5 pm. To help, contact Alison McGowan at <u>alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com</u>.

**The Columbia Women's Shelter's Annual Chick-fil-A Souper is November 21:** Stop by Thompson Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm for a bowl of soup to benefit our local women's shelter. The cost is \$5/bowl, and all proceeds go toward assisting women in The Midlands during the holidays.

**Register for The Vine Retreat- February 7-9, 2025 at The Cove:** 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*. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to register and make online payments. Registration closes today; the second payment is due November 15.

