

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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 www.eastminsterpres.org. 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 (llong@eastminsterpres.org) 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 betholiver2@yahoo.com.

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 any 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 alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

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.

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

UNISON READING: Matthew 12:9-14

⁹He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other.

¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: WILL BREARLEY AND RICHARD SLATER
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) AND MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

Cantilena Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands TRADITIONAL
ECAMP Singers 4K AND 5K (9:00 am)

I've Got That Joy TRADITIONAL
ECAMP Singers 1st -5th grades

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.

People: **God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.**

Leader: God has shown us the future generations—the children in our midst.

People: **And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.**

All: **Let us worship and serve the Lord with all our heart and soul and strength.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #756

O God of Every Nation LLANGLOFFAN

*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.

**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.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Loving God, in mystery and grace you sustain us, though we do not often realize your care. We confess that our worries consume our attention, that we put our material needs first, and that we are numb to our spiritual hunger. Jesus has told us that if we seek material things before our spiritual treasure, our priorities are wrong. God, forgive us. Set us free from anxiety, give us a new trust in you, and hear our silent confession eve now... Amen

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 #175

Seek Ye First LAFFERTY
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. J. Ben Sloan

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

Prayer of Teresa of Avila Kenneth Lowenberg
Christ has no body now on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours; Yours are the eyes through which His compassion will look upon the world; Yours are the feet with which He will go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which He will bless others now.
A Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515-1582)

*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

Paul Trippe

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Seeking God First... Without Editing Jesus”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #761

Called As Partners In Christ's Service BEECHER

*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

Chromatic Fugue Johann Pachelbel

*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, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

November 17, 2024

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*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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