

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: Pledge cards are available at our Welcome Centers. Fill out a pledge card 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.

ECAMP Tonight for K4-K5 Singers Only: Elementary Children have SWAG Shoebox Packing Party. Drop-off in the Sanctuary at 5 pm for Bible Study, songs, musical activities, and dinner; pick up is at 6:30 pm. Parents, your help is always appreciated on Sunday nights.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes Due to Eastminster Today: If you haven't picked up a shoebox, you may pick one up from the Parlor, Sunshine Room, or CLC and fill it with gift items for children. Please return it this evening to one of the shoebox tables. Also, join us in Charlotte in December to volunteer at the Processing Center and send these gifts around the world.

SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) Shoebox Packing Party: Tonight from 5 until 6:30 pm. Drop off in Thompson Hall and pick up from CLC Gym. Come learn about and participate in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox ministry. Enjoy games, crafts and pizza. Bring \$10 for pizza, OCC shipping fees and supplies. Chaperones needed! Email Croskeys (croyall@eastminsterpres.org) if you can help.

Sundays@5 Classes and Programs End Tonight: Winter/Spring 2025 class information and sign-ups will be available soon via www.eastminsterpres.org "Upcoming Events."

Giving for "Homeless No More": Fulfill specific needs at St. Lawrence Place and Family Shelter. Donate gifts from wish lists by December 2, or volunteer to serve a Christmas Lunch on December 14. Visit our website for detailed information.

Football Fan Food Drive Continues Through November 30: Show your team spirit and support Harvest Hope. Drop off donations in your team's bin at the church, CLC, or Day School. Let's make a difference together! The winner will be announced after Thanksgiving, but so far Carolina is in the lead!

Eastminster Facilities will be Closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 -29, 2024: Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Poinsettia Dedications (\$25.00) for Advent Are Due December 9: The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria donations to decorate Eastminster for Christmas. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center or fill out the online form with the wording you would like to have printed in the bulletins. Checks should be made out to Eastminster with "Poinsettia Memorials and Honoraria" in the memo line.

Mall to Manger Challenge begins Sunday, December 1: You will be able to pick up cards to give to loved ones in our Welcome Centers next Sunday. Donations should be marked "M2M" (envelope or memo line). Place in the offering on Sunday, or drop by the Church Office (Attn: Treasurer). Your donations will allow Eastminster to donate 2,500 Children's Bibles to The Salvation Army.

Lectio Divina Begins Wednesday, December 4, in the Sanctuary from 6 - 7 pm: This three-week "divine reading" class is led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Learn how to slow down and listen to the Word of God.

Salvation Army Service Day for Eastminster is Friday, December 13: Volunteer at the warehouse, sorting and assembling gifts. Visit Upcoming Events for shift times and to sign up.

Cornucopia in the Trenholm Road entrance is given in love and thanksgiving for the lives of Henry and Susan DaVega and in memory of Ellen DaVega by their family, Susan Gibbins, Anita Rownd, and Michael DaVega. **Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Current Pledge Totals: (Week 3)	368
Prior Year Pledge Totals: (Week 3)	356

UNISON READING: Leviticus 23:39-43

³⁹Now, the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall keep the festival of the Lord, lasting seven days; a complete rest on the first day, and a complete rest on the eighth day. ⁴⁰On the first day you shall take the fruit of majestic trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. ⁴¹You shall keep it as a festival to the Lord seven days in the year; you shall keep it in the seventh month as a statute forever throughout your generations. ⁴²You shall live in booths for seven days; all that are citizens in Israel shall live in booths, ⁴³so that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND LISA NEWMAN
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) AND 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
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**EASTMINSTER
 PRESBYTERIAN**



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
 NOVEMBER 24, 2024
 9:00 AND 11:15 AM**

**3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

Variations on "King's Weston"

William H. Bates

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

People: Make God's deeds known to all people!

Leader: Sing God's praises; tell of his wonderful works,

People: Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRDOL

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*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

We pray, O Lord, for all who have forgotten how to say thank you; who tell themselves, "I earned this." We pray for all who are too busy to be thankful; who don't take time to pause and reflect. We pray for all who are too tired to be thankful, who are unable to open their eyes to the blessings around them. We pray for all who are not thankful enough to be generous. And we pray, O Lord, for the parts of each of us that this prayer describes. Hear us now in our silent prayers.....

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. 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

O Be Joyful in the Lord

Psalm 100

John Rutter

*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

Hank Mabry

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Grouching or Gratitude?”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #336

We Gather Together

KREMSEB

*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

Finale on "King's Weston"

William H. Blake

*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.

December 1, 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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