

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Congratulations to our 2025 Confirmands, who will be received at the 11:15 am service: Louise Arrington, Mills Babcock, Avery Barthel, Claire Boggs, Madeline Bowie, May Chaplin, Walker Darby, Samuel Florence, Ellie Goodwyn, Jillian Hampton, Lanier Honeycutt, Annie Hutton, Albert James V, McClain Knight, Davis Lumpkin, Landon Moras, John Reynolds, Karson Riddle, Riley Tompkins, Ayers Yarbrough, Mary Martin Yarbrough.

Join us for a Community Concert this afternoon at 4 pm in the Sanctuary: to benefit The Cooperative Ministry. Eastminster's Chancel Choir, the Sandlapper Singers, She Sings, and a chamber orchestra will collaborate for an inspiring afternoon of music for members and our community.

CLC Blood Drive is May 4, from 9 am until 2 p.m.: Give the gift of life! You can now sign up online. There will be a bloodmobile in the CLC parking lot as not to disrupt Sunday morning activities.

May 4 is Children's Emphasis Sunday: We are thankful for all of the children of Eastminster! Our young singers will open both traditional worship services with song and scripture on May 4. Join us!

"The Blessing of the Animals" Peace Service is on May 4: at 4 pm on the Field across Trenholm. Our service will be led by Pastor Emily and comes from *The Book of Common Worship*. Our offering will be donations for Howlmore Animal Sanctuary. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to see the "Wish List" for Howlmore. Bring your pets **and a lawn chair** and join us.

EPW's Sisters in Christ Dinner is on May 6: at 5:30 pm in Thompson Hall. All women are invited and you may RSVP under Upcoming Events on our website. Lifetime Member Awards will be announced during a delicious meal with friends. The cost is only \$8.

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 11: when we will celebrate and recognize our EPC's 2025 High School graduates during the 11:15 am worship service in the Sanctuary.

EPW Circles One and Three will not meet on May 12: Our next Circles Meeting will be on October 13, at 10 am, in Thompson Hall.

Bible Doers Will "Do" on Wednesday, May 14, at the Olivers': (6 - 8 am). Stop by any time. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Let's serve together. Text Beth at 803-622-5384 with any questions.

Transitions Third Thursday Service Opportunities May 15: Meet us at Transitions at 11:30 am to serve lunch. We also continue to support Third Thursday dinners by providing food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, and bananas) by 3 pm (Staff Kitchen), packaging food at 3:45 pm, or serving dinner at 5 pm at Transitions. You can sign up to volunteer for either AM or PM meal support via Upcoming Events.

May 18 is Communion Sunday: If you or you know of a member who would like to receive In-Home Communion, please contact Kelly McGrady in the Church Office at ext. 123.

May 18 is our Youth Ministry End of the Year Party: Look for details from Emily Higgins via the ENews. Pastor Rob Schoonover will also begin serving as Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults on Sunday, May 18.

Join us Memorial Day Weekend for Breakfast and Blended Worship- Sunday, May 25: Intergenerational Breakfast will be at 9 am in Thompson Hall (no Sunday School) followed by one blended worship service at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Enjoy fellowship and worship on May 25.

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 23-26, 2025 (9 am - 12 pm): Rising 4K through rising 4th graders (\$20) and rising 5th and 6th graders (\$30) will enjoy crafts, games, music, and lessons focused on this year's Bible theme, "Live It Out." We'll discover how to "love like Jesus." Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Register or volunteer via the registration form on our Upcoming Event on the website. You may volunteer via the form without registering a child for VBS.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by Buddy and Margaret Cullum in honor of their grandchildren, Baker, Reese, Chase, Campbell and Hank.

Unison Reading: John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
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DEACONS: SUSAN RATTEREE AND RICHARD SLATER
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON MCDONALD (11:15 AM)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Louis Shirer, Organist
Blythe Lewis, Sr. Communications Officer
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Alisha Hudson, Business Administrator
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippey, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

James Biery

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord

People **in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord,**

Leader: in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: **Let us worship God. Praise the Lord!**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

**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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 #246 (verses 1 & 4)

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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

The Power of the Cross

arr. Mark Hayes

*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

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

“Beyond Woe”

CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT, PROFESSION OF FAITH, AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #69 (verses 1 and 2)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

CONFIRMATION PRAYER AND CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

Pastor: Hear us as we commend these new servants to your care praying together:

All: **Defend, O Lord, these newest brothers and sisters in Christ with your heavenly grace that they may always love you, growing each day in wisdom and grace, serving you with joy until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.**

Pastor: Now may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory, confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen!**

*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

*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.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #69 (verse 3)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

*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

O Day Full of Grace

Wayne L. Wold

*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 scan the QR code or 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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Beckham Crew Tourville, son of Travis and Julia Tourville, received the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Laura Phillips, maternal aunt, offered the baptismal prayer.

May 4, 2025

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall