

GATHERING MUSIC

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONG—All are invited to sing Be Glad

Davenport/Carnes/Ingram/Furtick

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG OF PRAISE—All are invited to sing

Living Hope Wickham/Johnson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: John 13:31-35 Scripture Focus: Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON Rev. Dr. Douglass Key

"Beyond Woe"

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH Rev. Dr. Ben Sloan

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

TIME OF OFFERINGOfficer's Prayer: Mary McCants

SONG OF OFFERING—All are invited to listen and reflect

King of Kings

B. Ligertwood/S. Ligertwood/Ingram

*SONG OF RESPONSE—All are invited to sing

Blessed Be Your Name

B. Redman/M. Redman

*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

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.



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.

Deacons serving in Worship today:Mary McCants and Mary Frances Jowers

