

**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. Douglass D. Key

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG OF PRAISE—All are invited to sing

Great Are You, Lord

Leonard/Ingram/Jordan

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** 

Unison Reading: Luke 22:24-27, 31-34

Scripture Focus: Luke 22:39-46

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Brad Smith

"The Upside Down Way of Jesus: Are You Sleeping?"

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

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

**TIME OF OFFERING**Officer's Prayer: Kris Whiteside

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

Take Shelter Peterson/Getty/Shive

\*SONG OF RESPONSE—All are invited to sing

Freedom Stanfill/Younker/Fieldes/Frye/Bentley

## \*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**

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.

(Please see reverse for Announcements)

<sup>\*</sup>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/.

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, April 6, at the conclusion of the 9 am service, for the purpose of hearing from and acting on recommendations regarding the call of an associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults.

**The Flower Guild invites You to Dedicate Easter Lilies for Easter Morning:** Pick up a form at the Welcome Center, or make your dedication and pay online. Dedications (\$25) are due to Julie McDaniel by this Wednesday, April 9.

**SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace) is Tonight:** Rising first (currently 5K) through current fifth graders are invited to a SWAG Skate Party at Three Fountains Skate Rink in West Columbia. Drop off is at 5:15 p.m. Pick up is at 7:15 p.m. Parents, we need chaperones, so let Croskeys know if you can stay and help (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

Our last WE@EPC Meal is this Wednesday, April 9, at 5:15 pm, in Thompson Hall: MENU- Adults: Swedish Meatballs over Egg Noodles, Peas, Pearl Onions & Mushrooms, Roasted Zucchini, Squash & Peppers - (Kids: Swedish Meatballs, Noodles & Peas). Join us! WE@EPC Classes also conclude on April 9.

**EPW Easter Centerpiece Arrangement Workshop is this Thursday, April 10:** Ladies, there are still spots left for you to sign up! Talented artisans from Dolce Vita Farms and Purple Tuteur will guide us as we create beautiful arrangements from 6:30-7:30 pm, in Thompson Hall. Sign up under Upcoming Events.

Children of All Ages up to Fifth Grade are Invited to an "Egg Scramble" on April 13: Meet us on the Field across Trenholm at 4 pm. We'll enjoy fellowship, crafts, inflatables, snacks, and hunting for 2,500 eggs!

**Circles One and Three Meet on Monday, April 14:** at 10 am in Thompson Hall. Join us for fellowship and a time of study. Circles One and Three meet on the second Monday of the month. All EPC women are invited to join us.

**Bible Doers Will "Do" on Wednesday, April 16, at the Olivers':** 6 - 7 am, walk and fellowship, 7 - 8 am, prepare and pray over pasta salad for Transitions. Stop by any time. Friendly faces and coffee will be waiting for you! Text Beth at 803-622-5384 with any questions.

**Transitions Third Thursday Service Opportunities April 17:** Meet us at Transitions at 11:30 am to serve lunch, or provide food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, and bananas) by 3 pmfor dinner (Staff Kitchen). You may package food at 3:45 pm, or serve dinner at 5 pm both at Transitions. Sign up to volunteer for either AM or PM meal support via Upcoming Events.

**Holy Week is April 13-20, 2025:** Palm Sunday is April 13, Maundy Thursday Worship on April 17 (7 p.m.), Good Friday Worship on April 18 (7 p.m.), and Easter Sunday on April 20- four worship services (6:30 a.m. Sunrise in the Courtyard, 8:45 a.m. Sanctuary, and 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary and Thompson Hall). Courtyard Fellowship is at 9:45 a.m. Join us!

**Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is April 24, at the Hudgens' from 7:00 until 9:00 pm:** Anyone in their 50s - 70s is welcome to join us! RSVP and sign up to bring a dessert or appetizer on our website. To host a future Lightly Seasoned Social, email Lauri Moore (laurimoore8@gmail.com), or Jennifer Rayfield (jenray2001@gmail.com) our Lightly Seasoned Co-chairs.

**Confirmation Sunday is April 27:** EPC's 2025 Confirmands will be recognized during 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship. They will have the Officer's Exam on April 13, during the Sunday School hour.

**Join us for a Community Concert on April 27 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 evening of music for members and community.

