

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

**VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG—All are invited to sing

AYER OF ADORATION Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Foote/Horne

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION
\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sing to the King

\*SONG OF PRAISE—All are invited to sing

Forever Reign Morgan/Ingram

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** 

Unison Reading: Matthew 5:43-48 Scripture Focus: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

**SERMON** 

"Hole Paradoxes" Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH Rev. Rob Schoonover

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

**TIME OF OFFERING**Officer's Prayer: Geoff Reabold

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

Reckless Love Culver/Asbury/Jackson

\*SONG OF RESPONSE—All are invited to sing

Joy of the Lord Rend Collective/Ed Cash

\*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**

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.



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

**Today is Communion Sunday:** If you or a member you know would like to receive in-home communion in the future, please contact Kelly McGrady, 803-256-1654 ext. 123.

**Tonight our Youth Ministry End of the Year Party:** Look for details from Emily Higgins via the ENews. Pastor Rob Schoonover begins today as Associate Pastor for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults.

**The Palmetto Mastersingers Present, "Of Thee We Sing," on May 23:** at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Join them for a patriotic concert directed by Dr. Benjamin Stogner. Visit the Palmetto Mastersingers website for more information.

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.

**Cancer Care Support Meeting is May 28:** at 5:30 pm in Room 351 in the Education Building. This is a one-time meeting for those who are facing physical and emotional challenges with either a cancer diagnosis of a loved one or having been diagnosed with cancer themselves. Join us for prayerful fellowship and discussions with others who understand what it means to fight cancer.

Our Summer Worship Schedule Begins on Sunday, June 1: and continues through Sunday, August 3, with two worship services- Jubilee Contemporary Worship at 10 am in Thompson Hall, and Traditional Worship at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan to worship with us this Summer!

**Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Begins on June 1:** and will be led by Dr. Douglass Key. We'll meet in the Adult Reception Hall at 9 am before worship. Our focus will be "From Jesus to Christ," a book by Paula Fredriksen. The class will repeat on Wednesday evenings if there is interest. More details to come.

**Update Volunteers and Donations for Camp Impact 2025 June 1-6:** Thank you for the generous response to donations! A few spots remain for volunteers to make beds on Wednesday, May 28. If any current or retired healthcare professionals are available during that week to assist the Camp Nurse, there is still a need. Visit our website's Upcoming Events to see details of remaining volunteer opportunities. Donations will be accepted through Friday, May 23. If you have questions, please contact Kristy Stoneburner (kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org).

**Join a Small Group this Summer/Fall:** EPC's Small Groups Ministry offers a variety of Small Groups (Women's, Men's, Couples and Mixed) for men and women from 20s to 90s. Each Small Group gathers weekly to study scripture, pray, and discuss how scripture impacts lives. Small Groups also serve together in the community. To find out more or join a Small Group, fill out the Small Groups Interest form in the ENews, or contact Caroline Bennett at 803-256-1654 (ext.124), or cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

**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 learn how to "Live It Out" and love like Jesus. Register your child or volunteer via the registration form under Upcoming Events on the website.

Save the Dates for Children's Music Camp 2025-July 15-17: Rising 5K through rising 6th graders are invited to attend. We will enjoy music and singing, arts and crafts, devotion time, snacks, and recreation at Eastminster. Join us from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. for three fun days of learning and expressing God's love through music. Sign up today under Upcoming Events on our website. We also welcome parents to volunteer. If you would like to help out in July, please contact Stefanie Hammond at <a href="mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org">shammond@eastminsterpres.org</a>.

**Deacons serving in Worship today:**Geoff Reabold and Joni Richardson

