

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

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday. Thank you to all who donate peanut butter to Harvest Hope and area food pantries on fourth Sundays. You will find Harvest Hope bins in our reception areas around campus.

Cancer Care Support Meeting will be on 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 next Sunday, June 1: and continues through Sunday, August 3, with two worship services- Jubilee Contemporary Worship is at 10 am in Thompson Hall, and Traditional Worship is at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan to worship with us this Summer!

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School also begins on June 1: (through July 27) and will be led by Dr. Douglass Key. We'll meet in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 9 a.m. before worship. Our focus will be “From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians,” a PBS Frontline Documentary Series for a journey into the First Century world of Jesus’ life and ministry. There will be a repeat of the class on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. (ARH) beginning on June 4 (through July 30)- no class on July 6 or July 9.

“Mindfulness Mondays” co-led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan & Rev. Carol Byrd kick off on June 2: at 9 a.m. in the Parlor. Presented by Congregational Care and Concern Ministry, this will be an introduction to a variety of mindfulness techniques. Mindfulness Mondays are part of Congregational Care’s Holistic Care and Wellbeing offerings, and will meet on the first (9 am) and third (5 pm) Mondays this Summer (June 2 & June 16, July 7 & July 21, and August 4 & August 18).

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.

Children’s Music Camp is 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 am until 12 pm 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, please contact Stefanie Hammond at shammond@eastminsterpres.org.

Seniors Ministry Sunset Dinner Cruise on July 20: from 6 until 9:30 pm on Lake Murray, where we will be able to see a glimpse of the purple martins as they migrate. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal on the lake. Contact Laura Long (llong@eastminsterpres.org) to sign up. The cost is \$60/person.

Eastminster Arts Academy hosts EAA Arts Intensive on July 21 - 25: welcoming youth- rising seventh graders through rising twelfth graders and adults to explore artistic expression, a joyful prelude to the Academy’s full launch in the Fall. Workshops include Musical Theatre, Beginning Guitar, and Visual Art. Visit our website [MINISTRIES](#) menu and click on the Academy link to see full details. Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship & Arts at Eastminster, leads EAA (agil@eastminsterpres.org).

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: 1 Samuel 13:7b-14
Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.
⁸ He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people began to slip away from Saul. ⁹ So Saul said, “Bring the burnt offering here to me and the offerings of well-being.” And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰ As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to meet him and salute him. ¹¹ Samuel said, “What have you done?” Saul replied, “When I saw that the people were slipping away from me and that you did not come within the days appointed and that the Philistines were mustering at Michmash, ¹² I said, ‘Now the Philistines will come down upon me at Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of the Lord,’ so I forced myself and offered the burnt offering.” ¹³ Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you. The Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever, ¹⁴ but now your kingdom will not continue; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has appointed him to be ruler over his people because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JOSH LIVINGSTON 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
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
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EASTMINSTER
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 2025
10:15 AM

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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 worshiping our living God.
“So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God’s glory.” Romans 15:7

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: This Memorial Day weekend we seek to remember.
People: **We remember our Creator in the days of our youth and in all our days.**
Leader: This day we seek to remember.
People: **We will remember the deeds of the Lord and will remember His wonders of old.**
Leader: Lord remember our sins no more.
People: **O Lord, in your grace, remember mercy.**
All: **God, you do not abandon us. You who remembered the people in slavery, remember us. We give you thanks today for those who sacrificed themselves for a greater good. We ask, O God, for the grace of memory, to remember you, to remember those who have given themselves on our behalf. In this worship service, help us to have grateful hearts.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #8
Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Robert Schoonover

***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 may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Emily Mooneyhan
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget his benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, and heals all our diseases. We confess we forget your benefits too often, O Lord. You redeem our life from the pit and crown us with steadfast love and mercy. But we abuse our redemption and jump back into the pit from which you have saved us. You satisfy us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. But we too often credit ourselves for the good we have received from your hand. Give us grace to remember you; grace to remember with gratitude those you have used to bless us; Forgive us, and hear our silent prayers of confession...

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 #441
Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

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
I Will Wait for You arr. Victor Johnson
Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call; incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord. Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze; I stand redeemed by grace alone. I will wait for You, I will wait for You; on Your word I will rely. I will wait for You surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied. So put your hope in God alone, Take courage in His pow’r to save. Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave. He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price, that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.
Congregation: please join the choir in singing the closing refrain found in the insert.

***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** Elizabeth Barber

*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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SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: 1 Samuel 13:7b-14 Page 244
Scripture Focus: 1 Samuel 15:10-17, 22-24 Page 247

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!
SERMON Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
“Saul, Who Remembered...Kind of”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #705**
You Are Holy YOU ARE HOLY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** Lee Turner
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 face, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

***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 group, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

June 1, 2025
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd