

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 the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for June 29, 2025: immediately following the 10:15 am service to vote on the Officer Nominating Committee report for the Election of Deacons (Charlotte Castles, Mark Chappell, Kirstin DiMarco, Jim Kitchens, Stephen Ross, Parker Sizemore, Stacy Strong, Lee Tupper, Dana Wilson, Taylor Wray) and Elders (Branford Breland, Yolanda Courie, Perry Crosthwaite, Mary Hanna, Rebecca Hartner, Susan Jones, Anne Kleitches, Kit Pound, Drew Richardson, Scott Verzyl) for the Class of 2028, pastors’ Terms of Call, and any other items.

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School through July 27: led by Dr. Douglass Key. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 9 am. “From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians,” is a PBS Frontline Documentary Series for a journey into the First Century world of Jesus’ life and ministry. There is a repeat of the Sunday class on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm (ARH) through July 30.

The Library Offers “Books Giveaway” this week: These are books of all types that have been donated by members, or pulled from the library's shelves as additional copies that aren't needed. Come browse the wide selection of children's books, adult non-fiction, novels, biblical commentary, Christian living books, Bibles, and more. Next Sunday, there will be a Books Giveaway table in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) and on Monday the giveaway tables will be in the CLC lobby through June 22nd.

Our next “Mindfulness Monday” is tomorrow at 5 pm in the Parlor: Mindfulness Mondays are an introduction to a variety of mindfulness techniques, co-led by pastors Emily Mooneyhan & Carol Byrd. To accommodate folks’ schedules, join us on the first (9 am) or third (5 pm) Monday this Summer (June 16, July 7 & July 21, and August 4 & August 18). Congregational Care's focus on Holistic Health and Wellbeing provides mindfulness practices- healthy ways to manage stress, lower anxiety, improve cognitive function, and connect with God. No need to sign up- just join us in the Parlor.

Eastminster Presbyterian Women’s Blueberry Picking Trip to Dolce Vita Farms is June 19: Enjoy a beautiful morning picking fresh blueberries (\$10-\$20) in Eastover, SC. We will depart by bus from Eastminster’s upper parking lot at 8 am, or feel free to car-pool. Dolce Vita provides a lovely souvenir basket, and you may also purchase zinnias and sunflowers while there. This is a family-friendly event!

Transitions Third Thursdays continue through the Summer months: (June 19, July 17 & August 21) EPC’s lunch service at Transitions is led by Becky Airheart. Lunch volunteers, the time is 11:45 am. Please sign up. Dinner donations and service time, led by Alison McGowan, remain the same. Email Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com, or Becky Airheart at bairheart@gmail.com with questions or to help . Thank you for serving our friends at Transitions.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 23-26, 2025 (9 am - 12 pm): for rising 4K through rising 4th graders and rising 5th and 6th graders. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Croskeys if you can help (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

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 - 12 pm. Sign up today under Upcoming Events on our website. If you can help serve that week, please contact Stefanie Hammond at shammond@eastminsterpres.org. Registration closes on Monday, June 30- so register now!

Eastminster Arts Academy hosts EAA Arts Intensive on July 21 - 25: welcoming rising seventh graders through rising twelfth graders and adults to explore artistic expression. 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 and in honor of Shannon, Thomas, Lee, and Ellen McCutchen.

Unison Reading: 1 Kings 3:1-3 (The Message)

¹⁻³ Solomon arranged a marriage contract with Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He married Pharaoh’s daughter and brought her to the City of David until he had completed building his royal palace and God’s Temple and the wall around Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the people were worshiping at local shrines because at that time no temple had yet been built to the Name of God. Solomon loved God and continued to live in the God-honoring ways of David his father, except that he also worshiped at the local shrines, offering sacrifices and burning incense.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CHAD ABRAMSON AND LISA NEWMAN
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor	Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor	Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate	Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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James Cassidy, A/V Director	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director	



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 15, 2025
10:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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: God’s Spirit has been poured upon all flesh.
People: That Spirit rests upon us like flames of fire,
Leader: that we may be light in the world’s darkness
People: and warmth in the world’s coldness.
Leader: The Spirit has been poured upon us like a mighty wind,
People: refreshing us in love and renewing us in strength.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #1
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! NICEA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sterling Carson Carter

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188
Jesus Love Me! JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
Sovereign God, even as we thank you for who you are, we ask your forgiveness for our folly. You call us to follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Despite your witness, we confess we are prone to pursue and admire both power and force. As Christ models generous grace toward us, so you call us to be people of generous hearts and generous grace toward others. Forgive us our individual and collective hard-heartedness, and remind us of the better way of Jesus even in this time of silent 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 #551
Lord, Have Mercy LAND OF REST
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
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
Come Dwell in Solomon’s Walls Z. Randall Stroope
When the final timber lay ‘gainst the measured stones. With the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold. And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the shoe, the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon’s walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord, Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, For the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come dwell in Solomon’s walls, Come and dwell in the house of the Lord, Where wisdom and righteousness, Justice and holiness, Join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, When they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

*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.

*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

*OFFICER’S PRAYER Susanne Hicklin

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: 1 Kings 3:1-3 (The Message)
Scripture Focus: 1 Kings 3:4-28 (The Message)

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“What Kind of Heart Do You Want?”

*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.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Sterling Carson Carter, son of Ben and Kelsey Carter, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Phyllis Trippe will offer the baptismal prayer.

June 22, 2025
Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key