

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Combined Adult Summer Sunday School through July 27:** led by Dr. Douglass Key. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 9 am. Our focus this Summer is “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 is a repeat of the Sunday a.m. class on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm (ARH) through July 30.

**The Library Offers “Books Giveaway,” Week of June 15:** 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) for members to browse through during Sunday School and before/after worship. On Monday the giveaway tables will be in the CLC lobby through June 22nd.

**Our next “Mindfulness Monday” is on June 16th 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 blueberries (\$10-\$20) in Eastover, SC. We will depart by bus from Eastminster’s upper parking lot at 8 am, or feel free to carpool. Dolce Vita provides a lovely souvenir basket, and you may also purchase zinnias and sun-flowers 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](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com), or Becky Airheart at [bairheart@gmail.com](mailto: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):** 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 - 12 pm for three fun days of learning and expressing God’s love through music. Sign up today under Upcoming Events on our website. If you can help, please contact Stefanie Hammond at [shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org). Registration closes Monday, June 30th- register now!

**Seniors Ministry Sunset Dinner Cruise on July 20:** from 6 - 9:30 pm on Lake Murray, where we will be able to see 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](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org)) to sign up. The cost is \$65/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](mailto:agil@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given by an Eastminster family.

Unison Reading: Acts 2:1-8, 12-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?...

<sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: SIMMONS PURDY AND DAVID ELLISON  
HEAD USHER: MIKE GORMAN

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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
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Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry	Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
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James Cassidy, A/V Director	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
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EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



PENTECOST  
JUNE 8, 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** Psalm 104:33-34  
Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
**People: In wisdom you have made them all;**  
Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
**People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**  
Leader; May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
**All: for I rejoice in the Lord.**

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #137**  
*He Came Down* HE CAME DOWN

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**\*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** Barrett Riley Strasburger.

**BAPTISMAL HYMN #188**  
*Jesus Love Me!* JESUS LOVES ME

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd  
God of Mystery, you have gathered us here today by the breath of life. We confess that we are, in many ways, sailing along the rivers of our lives without the awareness of your mighty wind that carries us. Without you, we drift aimlessly, and are swept away by whatever current is pulling our attention. Our days are so busy and hurried that we fail to see your provisions, we do not stop to listen to your still small voice, or hear you when you come to us in a mighty way. Help us to be present to your love and grace, and to listen, even when we are surprised by what you have to say.

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**  
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**  
*Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. John Rutter  
Ev’ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I pray. Oh, up on the mountain my Lord spoke; Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me way beyond the blue in glory. I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun way beyond the blue. The River Jordan is chilly and cold, Chills the body but not the soul. And all around me looks so shine, I ask my lord if it all was mine. I’m on the road to heaven now, you must take it too. Take it way beyond the blue in glory, Ev’ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I pray.

Briona Robinson, alto Spiritual

**\*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** Andy Cameron

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**  
**Unison Reading: Acts 2:1-8, 12-13** Page 111  
Scripture Focus: 2 Samuel 7 Page 268

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

**SERMON** Rev. Emily Mooneyhan  
“Experience in Context”

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #749**  
*Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**  
*May the Road Rise to Meet You* Lee Turner  
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:**  
Barrett Riley Strasburger. , son of Claire and Kyle Strasburger, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Simmons Purdy will offer the baptismal prayer.

**June 15, 2025**  
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith