

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 Emergency Procedures Awareness Sunday. The EPC Safety Committee realizes the importance being prepared for an emergency. Infants through eighth-graders will practice an evacuation drill during the Sunday school hour. Ninth graders through adults will remain in their classrooms and **do not evacuate**. Evacuation route information is posted in every room on campus. Please familiarize yourself with this information.

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key Tonight (Gray Music Room). Join us for Jeremiah, a biblical case-study on true surrender to God’s sovereignty. You can access the video from last Sunday on our website under the Adults Ministry tab.

Kingdom Kids (4K-2nd) and Club 345 (3rd, 4th & 5th) meet tonight from 5 - 6:30 pm: Kingdom Kids drop off in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop off in Room 256 of the Education Building. Contact Ms. Stefanie to help!

EPW’s Fall Gathering is this Tuesday, September 16th (TH), at 11:30 am: All women of Eastminster are invited to catch up after Summer and learn about the year’s upcoming studies and events. Rev. Rob Schoonover, EPC’s Associate Pastor for Sr. High Youth, will be our guest speaker. RSVP and join us!

WE@EPC Meals and Classes Kick off on Wednesday, September 17th: Join us in Thompson Hall for dinner at 5:15 pm before class. To view the menu and RSVP, visit the “Ministries” button on our website and select “Membership & Outreach.” It is in the grey menu to the right. You may pay online or at the door when you get here (Children 0-8 \$4, Youth & Adults 9+ \$8).

WE@EPC Marriage Enrichment Class with Dr. Douglass Key: in Room E-357 is a chance for married couples of all ages to do a milestone check-up. Join us to learn ways to strengthen your relationship. Our class begins at 6 pm. Please sign up soon under Upcoming Events so Douglass can email helpful pre-class materials.

WE@EPC Introduction to the New Testament with Dr. Ben Sloan: in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 6 pm is a chance for busy adults to take a high-level look at the New Testament. The video component is the Disciple Bible Study. Sign up via Upcoming Events.

EPC Bible Doers will “Do” this Wednesday at the Oliver’s (6-8 am): We meet early on third Wednesdays for “walk & talk” at 6 am, and make pasta salad for Transitions from 7-8 am. The coffee is plentiful, and all are welcome! Contact Beth Oliver for details (803) 622-5384.

Transitions Third Thursday Service Opportunities September 18th: Meet us at Transitions at 11:45 am to serve lunch. We also continue to support Third Thursday dinners by providing food donations (pasta salad, pound cake, and bananas) by 3 pm. (Staff Kitchen), packaging food at 3:00 pm., or serving dinner at 5 pm at Transitions. Please sign up for either AM or PM meal support via Upcoming Events.

Support Bradley Elementary Students with Weekend Food: Contact Julia White (jgwhite4@gmail.com) for more information about our partnership with Bradley Elementary to send nutritious food home with students on weekends.

New Fall Small Groups: Wednesdays: 12-1 pm, Men/Women SG Studying Hymns; Thursdays 8:30 am, Young Moms Small Group; Thursdays 4:15 pm, Women's SG (any age). Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to inquire.

NED Sundays@5 Women’s Bible Study on Revelation returns on September 21st: in Room E-353. This five-week study is a continuation under Emily Craig. Contact Marsha Moseley (mhmoseley11@gmail.com) with questions.

Cancer Care Support Meeting is on September 24th: at 6 pm (Room E-351), with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. Join us for God-led discussions in a safe space for sharing with others. No sign-up needed. Friends are welcome.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Brunson Edward “Be” Armistead by his family.

Unison Reading: Jeremiah 6:13-15

¹³ **For from the least to the greatest of them,
everyone is greedy for unjust gain;
and from prophet to priest,
everyone deals falsely.**

¹⁴ **They have treated the wound of my people carelessly,
saying, “Peace, peace,”
when there is no peace.**

¹⁵ **They acted shamefully; they committed abomination,
yet they were not ashamed;
they did not know how to blush.**

**Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown,
says the Lord.**

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CHESLEY GOOD AND LISA NEWMAN
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (11:15 AM)
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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Parish Associate
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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

PRELUDE
O God, Thou Faithful God J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99)
Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
People: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
Leader: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
People: **Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**
ALL: **Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

†***HYMN OF ADORATION #65**
Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Robert Schoonover (9:00 am)
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall (11:15 am)

***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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Brunson Edward Armistead (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise KINGDOM

****TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of routine and tradition, where our voices are too often silent, our gaze too often averted from injustice. You call us to live boldly in faith, listening for your voice and watching for the work of your spirit. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us that shatters complacency and disrupts comfort. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the lives you have given us, that one day, we might fully reflect your glory. Attend to the prayers of our hearts as we seek your presence now in silence...

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
He Is Lord
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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
Brethren We Have Met to Worship Stan Pethel

***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** Amy Cain

*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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Jeremiah 6:13-15 Page 664
Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 7:1-15 Page 664

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
“Trusting Deceptive Words”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #792**
There Is a Balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #306**
Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE
Improvisation

***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 AT EASTMINSTER?
Join us for the First Step Class on September 21st. At First Step, you’ll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Stefanie Hammond. (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Brunson Edward Armistead, son of Henry and Harriet Armistead , will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Anne Seabrook will offer the baptismal prayer.

September 21, 2025
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Installation of Rev. Robert Schoonover