

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 the Service of Installation for Reverend Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor:** for Senior High Youth and Younger Adults, during Blended Worship at 11:15 in the Sanctuary. We invite those who usually attend Jubilee Contemporary Worship in Thompson Hall to join us. A reception in the Courtyard will follow worship with light refreshments in celebration of Rob, Melissa, and Harris Schoonover.

**The First Step Class for Guests interested in Membership at Eastminster:** begins today. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) during the Sunday School hour (10 am - 11 am). Take the “First Step” to learn the many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Questions? Contact Stefanie Hammond. ([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week Study led by Dr. Douglass Key continues tonight:** (Gray Music Room). Join us for a biblical case-study to learn what true surrender to God’s sovereignty looks like. If you missed last Sunday’s class, access the video on our website under the Adults Ministry tab.

**Sundays@5 Women’s Bible Study on Revelation returns tonight:** at 5 pm in Room E-353. This five-week study is a continuation led by Emily Craig. Contact Marsha Moseley ([mhmoseley11@gmail.com](mailto:mhmoseley11@gmail.com)) with questions.

**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. This ministry is thriving with over one hundred children on Sunday nights. Extra hands are needed and appreciated. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help out ([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)).

**WE@EPC Meals and Classes on Wednesdays:** 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 (Pricing: Children 0-8 \$4, Youth & Adults 9+ \$8).

**WE@EPC Marriage Enrichment Class with Dr. Douglass Key:** (through 11/19) in Room E-357 is a chance for married couples of all ages to do a milestone check-up. Join us to see where you are and 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:** (through 11/19) in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) 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 and join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Cancer Care Support Meeting is this Wednesday, 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 who may be struggling. No sign-up needed. Friends are welcome. Join us for dinner in Thompson Hall beforehand.

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

**Reception on September 28th in honor of and thanksgiving for Rev. Dr. Ben Sloan:** in the Courtyard following 11:15 am worship services. Ben will be serving as the interim pastor at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. Please stop by to thank Ben and Kay for their time and service at Eastminster.

**EPW Circles One and Three Meet October 13th, at 10 am, in Thompson Hall:** Join us for fellowship and a devotional. Eastminster Presbyterian Women’s Circles meet on the second Monday of the month.

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

Unison Reading: Exodus 3:1-5

**3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”**

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND GEORGE HUTTON  
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS (9:00 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  
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry  
Louis Shirer, Organist  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor  
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EASTMINSTER  
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

9:00 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 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: Clap you hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
People: For the Most High is awesome, sovereign over all the earth.  
Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
People: It is good to sing praises to the Lord our God.  
All: Let us come into God’s presence with gratitude, joy and celebration!

†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #833  
*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

\*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  
Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you called the church into being and you mark us as your own in baptism. Holy as you are, we confess that we resist your Spirit’s presence and work among us. We do not share the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Forgive us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit even in this time of silent prayer...

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 #836  
*Abide with Me* EVENTIDE  
Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

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  
*In Christ Alone* K. Getty/K. Getty

\*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 Kathleen Muthig

\*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: Exodus 3:1-5 Page 48  
Pastor: Exodus 3:6-12  
Scripture Focus: John 13:1-5; 12-17 Page 101

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #405  
*Praise God for This Holy Ground* HEYMONSTRAAT

\*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 AT EASTMINSTER?  
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([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)).

September 28, 2025  
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan  
Jeremiah 9:23-24  
“Know Him and Make Him Known”