

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Kicks off Today: Pick up a box and fill it with gifts for a child across the globe! Volunteers will be needed on Sundays. Sign up via Upcoming Events.

Fall Fest is today from 3 - 5 p.m. on the Field: Enjoy Trunk or Treat, the Cakewalk, Inflatables, and sweets. Volunteers are needed. Children’s Choirs (Kingdom Kids & Club 345) will not meet tonight. Join us at Fall Fest!

Jeremiah- Sundays@5 Study led by Dr. Douglass Key will meet Tonight: (Gray Music Room). If you missed last Sunday’s class, access the video on our website under the Adults Ministry tab.

MSB’s Football Fan Food Drive for Tigers, Gamecocks, and all other Fans: starts soon. We will be collecting canned goods for Harvest Hope again this year during November. Weigh in to win! Drop off canned goods in your favorite team’s bin. The winner will be announced in December.

Register for the Advent Retreat by next Sunday, November 2nd: Join us in Montreat Dec 5th-7th with Keynote Rev. Dr. John McCall. There is only one week left to register. Sign up via Upcoming Events on our website.

WE@EPC Meals on Wednesdays through November 19th: in Thompson Hall at 5:15 p.m. before class. Visit Upcoming Events to RSVP. You may pay online or at the door when you get here.

Missionaries from Sozo Children in Uganda, Africa, are coming to Eastminster: and you are invited! Learn about the Children’s Home on Wednesday, October 29th, from 6-7 p.m. Join us in the CLC (2nd Floor Rm 271).

WE@EPC’s last Lectio Divina with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan is this Wednesday: Join us as we read scripture and meditate, reflect, and refocus on God. Join us in the CLC in Room 265.

Cancer Care meets this Wednesday, October 29th, at 6 p.m. (Room E-351): If you are facing challenges due to a cancer diagnosis, please join us in a safe place to share. Friends are always welcome.

All Saints (Communion) Sunday is Next Sunday, November 2nd (Sanctuary Worship): when we remember those members of Eastminster who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past year.

Mindfulness Mondays in November are November 3rd (9 a.m.) and November 17th (5 p.m.): Join us to start or end your Monday. Learn how to slow down and be fully present. No need to sign up, just meet us in the parlor.

WE@EPC GriefShare will meet on November 5th, 12th, and 19th: If you are living with grief or know someone who is, invite them and join us at 6 p.m. at the CLC (Rm 265). EPC’s Care Ministers offer hope and comfort in a safe place to pray and share with others.

Young Adults (24+) Fellowship with Pastor Rob at the “Hangar” on November 6th (6-8 pm): Join us for introductions, fellowship, and great food (provided). Weigh in on topics for future gatherings and connect with EPC friends. Friends welcome. (Hunter Gatherer’s Hangar 1402 Jim Hamilton Blvd.)

EAA’s (Eastminster Arts Academy) Ornament “Make & Take” Workshop is on November 10th: led by Lindsay Cobb in Thompson Hall, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Help decorate our new Jubilee Tree. Make one ornament and take one home. The cost is \$35 for dinner and the workshop. Sign up under Upcoming Events.

EPW’s Fall Centerpiece Workshop with Dolce Vita is Tuesday, November 18th: at 6 p.m. in Thompson Hall. Enjoy a creative evening of arranging centerpieces to get your table ready for the holidays. Space is limited (30 spots) again this year. The cost is \$45 (container provided). Sign up under Upcoming Events.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Stewardship Team to the Glory of God, with gratitude for his abundant provision, and with thanksgiving for the generous people of Eastminster.

Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 12:8-11

⁸ “You shall not act as we are acting here today, all of us according to our own desires, ⁹ for you have not yet come into the rest and the possession that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹⁰ When you cross over the Jordan and live in the land that the LORD your God is allotting to you, and when he gives you rest from your enemies all around so that you live in safety, ¹¹ then you shall bring everything that I command you to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and your donations, and all your choice votive gifts that you vow to the LORD.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DARREN KNIGHT AND MARY MCCANTS
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9 AM) 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
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
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

Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.
Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship and Arts
Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 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
Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565 J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: In Christ Jesus, we who once were far away,
People: Have been brought near through the blood of Christ.
Leader: There is only one body and one spirit—
People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and father of us all.
All: Let us sing praise to our God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #687
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(11:15 am)*

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(Unison)* (from 1 Corinthians 15)
This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. 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** Rev. Rob Schoonover *(9:00 AM)*
The 3K—5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
Dear Gracious God, We are poor and needy in matters of the Spirit. You offer the Bread of Life, but our hands are clenched around bread that does not satisfy. You offer a Living Water for our souls, but we confess to drinking that which leaves us parched. On this new day, O God, help us confess our waywardness and accept the gift of your transforming love in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who died that we might have life. Hear now our silent prayer, prayers of confession....

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
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Arr. Dennis Allen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Deuteronomy 12:8-11 Page 163
Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Page 173

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Spreading Seeds”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #39**
Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS
When an usher releases your pew, everyone is asked to come forward, bringing your offering and/or commitment cards and placing them in the baskets. Everyone should return to their pews using the side aisles. Those who are not able to come forward may raise their hand and ushers will gladly assist you. For your convenience extra commitment cards are in the Friendship Registers. If you are a visitor or otherwise do not have a pledge card to bring forward, we ask you to please come forward anyway and we invite you to respond to God’s saving grace by committing yourself afresh as you walk forward. Everyone doing this will also permit an unimpeded flow along the pews. Thank you.

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. **CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.
†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED
THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS

LITANY OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES Simmons Purdy *(9:00 am)*
Adam Hegler *(11:15 am)*

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and holy and life-giving. Thank you for who you are, for your love for us, and for all you entrust to us. The pledges we make this day are a substantial component of our response to you. Thank you for the privilege of joining in your ministry of redeeming, forming and transforming lives through the ministries of the part of the body of Jesus Christ that is Eastminster. As you have given sacrificially for us, stir in us that we would give sacrificially for you. This and every Sabbath day, jump start our hearts and minds to remember that you alone are Lord, and that true life comes as a gift of grace from you. In grateful response, let us awaken each day desiring to invest our time, talent and treasure for your glory and the good of all. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

***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 field, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE Christian Markle, piper and Russell Davis, drummer

***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 scan the QR code or 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 class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

November 2, 2025
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Ephesians 1:1-10
“Destined For Adoption”