

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Socks in a Box Collection during the month of October:** MSB and ACCESS ministries are collecting men's and women's white or black ankle and/or tube socks for Footcare. Please drop them off at a "Socks in a Box" bin around campus by October 31st.

**Jeremiah- Sundays@5 12-week study led by Dr. Douglass Key continues:** (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 is tonight:** at 5 p.m. in Room E-353. This 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 p.m.:** Kingdom Kids drop off in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop off in Room 256 of the Education Building. Extra hands are needed and appreciated on Sundays. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help out ([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Mindfulness Mondays Return on the first and third Mondays in October:** Join us tomorrow at 9 a.m., and again on October 20th at 5 p.m. Led by Pastors Emily Mooneyhan and Carol Byrd, we'll learn mindfulness techniques that help with being fully present. No need to register, just meet us in the parlor.

**Youth Basketball Registration Closes Tomorrow:** Visit the "Ministries" button on our homepage and select "Christian Life Center," and go to "Classes & Programs" on the menu to the right to sign up.

**EPW Prayer Breakfast is this Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in Thompson Hall:** All ladies are invited for fellowship and a devotional over breakfast. Please RSVP via Upcoming Events. The cost is \$6.

**WE@EPC Meals on Wednesdays:** 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.

**WE@EPC Introduction to the New Testament:** (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.

**WE@EPC Lectio Divina led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan on Wednesdays in October:** Join us as we read scripture and meditate, reflect, and refocus on God. Lectio will be offered on the five Wednesdays of October at the CLC in Room 265.

**EPW's Vine Retreat is January 30th - February 1st at The Cove in Asheville, NC:** with guest speaker and author, Sophie Hudson. Register and make your payments via Upcoming Events on our website.

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

**Transitions Third Thursday is October 16th:** Visit Upcoming Events to sign up for lunch or dinner meal service. Food donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, and bananas are due to the Church Office Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. on the 16th.

**Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is Thursday, October 23rd, at Christi and Steve Hinson's:** If you are in your fifties and sixties with a more flexible schedule these days, please join us to catch up after Summer. We will enjoy fellowship and refreshments by the pool, as well as a time of prayer. Please RSVP and sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert.

**Dedication Sunday is October 26:** On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, you are invited to a celebration of thanks in the Courtyard at 10 a.m., and dedication of that newly renovated space made possible by the Inspirational Giving Initiative. Please plan to join us.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rhett Barker by her family, Clint, Allysa, Jake, and Bill and Patty Barker.

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18:1-4

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** KRIS WHITESIDE AND KATHLEEN MUTHIG  
**HEAD USHER:** RYAN BARNS (9:00) SCOT SEIGLER (11:15)

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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

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
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Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer  
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Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian  
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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 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 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**  
Trio on *Eres Santo (You Are Holy)* Arr. A. Gil  
Ella Canney, saxophone, Gage Banks, percussion

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**People:** Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely  
Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
**People:** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them and they are like sand.  
**ALL:** Let us worship God!

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #388 (Choir sings once, then all join)**  
*Come All You People* UYAI MOSE

**\*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** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall  
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall  
**God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry our cross, bit it weighs too much. We count the cost of following you – as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you. Hear now our silent prayers...**

**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.**

**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 Before the Table* Karen Marrolli  
Ellis Carroll, Sophie Curran, Kara Gingrich, Niyah Gordon, Semi-chorus  
Gage Banks, percussion

**\*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** Laura Twitty

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**  
Unison Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-4 Page 677  
Second Reading: Jeremiah 18:5-12 Page 677

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

**SERMON** Rev. Robert Schoonover  
“Lessons From the Mud”

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #509 (verse 1)**  
*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

\*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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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**The Invitation to the Table of the Lord**  
**The Sursum Corda**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift them up unto The Lord.  
Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.  
**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer**  
**The Words of Institution**  
**Communion of the People**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION #526**  
*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTeAD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #295**  
*Go to the World* SINE NOMINE

**\*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**  
*Now Thank We All Our God* Arr. Lloyd Larson

**\*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?**  
Join us for the First Step Class! 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](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)).

**October 12, 2025**  
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
John 16:1-11; 29-33  
“In this world you will have trouble.... so practice gratitude”