

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**MSB's November Food Drive is Here:** The game has changed! We are now ONE team with ONE goal to help our neighbors in need by donating food for Harvest Hope. Our goal is to collect **5,000** pounds! Weekly weigh-ins will mark our downs as we make progress toward our goal. Join us in an even bigger push this Fall to combat food insecurity in our community. The list of preferred food donations is found under the Upcoming Event. Also, you can donate online. Fight Hunger...Feed Hope. Let's GO!!!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are Available (Return by November 23rd):** Pick up a box and fill it with gifts for a child across the globe! Shipping is \$10/shoebox and can be paid online or by writing a check to Samaritan's Purse. Volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings at multiple tables. If you can help, please sign up via Upcoming Events.

**MSB's Homeless No More Collection has Begun:** This year, gifts for sixty men and women are needed. Wish lists can be found under the Upcoming Event. All donations are due by Monday, December 1st.

**Advent Wreath Candlelighters:** Do you and your family or small group want to participate in worship? We'll be lighting the Advent Wreath candles at each Sunday's service in Advent, beginning November 30, the three Christmas Eve services, and the Christmas Day service. Contact Jeff Thordahl for more information, [thordahl03@msn.com](mailto:thordahl03@msn.com).

**Kingdom Kids (4K-2nd) and Club 345 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. Extra hands are needed and appreciated on Sundays. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help out ([shammond@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:shammond@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall:** Join us for fellowship and study on second Mondays. Our Fall Study is about finding resilience, joy, and identity through Christ.

**EAA's (Eastminster Arts Academy) Ornament "Make & Take" Workshop is Tomorrow:** 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.

**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.

**WE@EPC GriefShare will meet on November 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.

**The Second Payment for The Vine Women's Retreat is due November 14th:** Join us at The Cove in Asheville from January 30 - February 1st, 2026. We are excited to welcome guest speaker, Sophie Hudson.

**Our Next Mindfulness Monday is on November 17th at 5 p.m.:** Learn how to slow down and be fully present to feel God's presence in the moments. No need to sign up.

**EPW's Fall Centerpiece Workshop with Dolce Vita is Tuesday, November 18th:** (6-7 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.

**Bible Doers "Do" on November 19th, from 6 - 8 a.m. at the Oliver's:** Join us anytime for coffee, walk and talk, prayer, and service. Each month, we help prepare food for Transitions.

**Transitions Third Thursday is November 20th:** Sign up via Upcoming Events for lunch or dinner service. Food donations are due to the Church (Staff Kitchen) by 3 p.m. that day.

**The Annual Chick-fil-A Women's Shelter Souper is Thursday, November 20th:** Stop by Thompson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. for fellowship over a bowl of soup, or take soup to go (\$5 bowl). Support the Columbia Women's Shelter! This event is open to the public, so help us spread the word.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given in celebration of the baptism of Nelson Homer Weathers by his family.

## Unison Reading: Psalm 116:12-19

- <sup>12</sup> **What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?**
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD;**
- <sup>14</sup> **I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.**
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- <sup>16</sup> **O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.**
- <sup>17</sup> **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> **I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,**
- <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!**

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** MARY MCCANTS AND SALLIE JAMESON  
**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  
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  
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
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EASTMINSTER  
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22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 77  
Leader: I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
**People:** Yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.  
Leader: I will meditate on all your works,  
**People:** And consider all your mighty deeds.  
Leader: Your ways, O God, are holy.  
**People:** What god is so great as our God?  
**All:** Let us worship the Lord!

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #611** HYMN TO JOY  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

**\*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** Nelson Homer Weathers (11:15 am)

**BAPTISMAL HYMN #482** BUNESSAN  
*Baptized in Water*

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Rob Schoonover  
**Dearest Lord, we confess that we so often care more about our own needs and wants than for others, particularly people in need. We take for granted our manifold blessings and only see what we do not have. We want to be people who care, who love unconditionally, who give generously. Forgive us our blindness and selfishness. May you give us hearts of compassion and love. Hear now our silent prayer of confession...**

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** Alfred V. Fedak  
*Ever Flowing Streams of Praise*  
Ever-flowing streams of praise earth and heav'n together raise: countless creatures' psalms and hymns sing praise to God forever. Through the world the song goes on telling what the Lord has done: deeds of mercy, truth, and love sing praise to God forever. Happy are all those who know how to let God's goodness show: lives of mercy, faith, and peace sing praise to God forever. All that curbs disorder's force anchors us in our true source. Those who claim their Maker's art sing praise to God forever! Night and day in every place, name with us this God of grace. May our words and deeds enfleshed sing praise to God forever!

Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
Savannah Elgin, violin

**\*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** George Hutton

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

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd  
“Gratitude for the Gift”

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697**  
*Take My Life* HENDON

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** Lee Turner  
*May the Road Rise to Meet You*  
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

\*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 that begins today! 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)).

**DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:**  
Nelson Homer Weathers , son of Julius and Sara Weathers , will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Richard Slater will offer the baptismal prayer.

**November 16, 2025**  
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
Proverbs 4:18-27  
“Time for a Heart Check”