

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Sundays@5 Adult Class Pastoral Epistles will meet Tonight:** “Correspondence with Servants of God’s Sovereign Word” with Dr. Douglass Key is a study in the [Gray Music Room](#) (Sanctuary basement) through Feb 15. To catch up, visit Adult PM Classes under Ministries/Adults to see the videos of any missed classes.

**Regular Sunday Night Programming will resume on January 25th:** for Children and Youth Ministries. Eastminster’s facilities will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

**Worship Discovery for Second Graders begins next Sunday:** This nine-week class will take place in the Adult Reception Hall during the Sunday School Hour. Look for emails from Pastor Croskeys for more information.

**WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, January 21st:** MENU: Adults: Honey Garlic Salmon, Harvest Rice Pilaf, Asparagus & Biscuits, Children: Fish Sticks, French Fries & Hush Puppies. Pricing: Children (0-8) \$4, Adults \$8. You may pay online when you RSVP, or pay at the door. Meet us in Thompson Hall at 5:15 p.m.

**WE@EPC Class “Christian Prayer for Today’s Christian:** Join Dr. Douglass Key at **6:07 p.m.** in the Adult Reception Hall to learn about best prayer practices. Visit Upcoming Events for more information.

**WE@EPC Class “Winter Wellness: Connecting with God”:** (6:07 p.m. in Thompson Hall). Join Care Pastors to explore topics like setting Godly intentions for the new year, walking meditation, and how to be grateful. Special guests will help lead some of our sessions. Visit Upcoming Events to see the schedule.

**Lightly Seasoned Winter Social is Thursday, February 5th (7-9 pm), at Linda and Jimmy Long’s:** Catch up with friends you haven’t seen in a while. We are in our 50s and 60s, and would love to see you. You will be able to sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert via Upcoming Events. Join us.

**Youth Sunday is February 8th:** Mark your calendars and join for youth-led worship that day. Parents and seniors who are preaching should look for updates from Pastor Rob.

**EPW’s Valentine’s Prayer Breakfast (\$6) is Tuesday, February 10th, at 9 a.m. in Thompson Hall:** All Eastminster ladies are invited to join Rev. Emily Mooneyhan for fellowship, a delicious breakfast, prayer, and a loving service project- making valentines for members who are shut-in. You will be able to RSVP soon.

**Interested in Membership at Eastminster?** Join us for the First Step Class on February 22nd. At First Step, you’ll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Visit Upcoming Events on the website to register. Questions? Contact Katie Barthel ([kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Join a Small Group in 2026!** New Co-ed Groups include Tuesdays (10:30-11:45 a.m.), or Wednesdays (6-7 p.m.) led by Caroline Bennett on Epistles, and a Hybrid Group (7:30-8:30 p.m.-night TBD- Ann Niland). You may also join existing groups: Mondays (Noon, for Men/Women, led by Lucy Scoville) is a study on hymns, or Tuesdays (10 a.m.) Women’s Small Group (led by Katie Hutchings). Contact Caroline to learn more ([cbennett@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:cbennett@eastminsterpres.org)).

**Serve with us in Western NC April 17th - 22nd:** repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Helene. There are also other options. You can travel Friday, April 17th, and return on Sunday, April 19th, or arrive Sunday, April 19th, and return on Wednesday, April 22nd. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

**Sozo Children Mission Adult Trip is July 21st - 31st to Uganda, Africa:** Men and women are invited to serve with a team at the Sozo Village, where the children live and worship. We’ll lead “Kid’s Clubs,” serve at schools, and share the good news of the Gospel in homes. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given in celebration of the baptism of Davis McLaurin Dukes by his family.

## Unison Reading: Acts 9:1-6,17-19

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ...

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** DARREN KNIGHT AND TAYLOR WRAY  
**HEAD USHER:** DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (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

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  
Alex Rogers, Plant Operations Director



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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Rob Schoonover (9:00 am)  
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, (11:15 am)  
Leader: We gather as God's people, bringing our gratitude and our grief.  
**People: We gather as God's people, blessed beyond measure, but also with brokenness.**  
Leader: We gather to worship the Lord, the God of all heaven and earth.  
**People: As individuals and as a broader community, we hunger for the peace and justice only God can offer.**  
**All: We hunger for you, O Lord, heart, soul and mind. Help us lay our lives before you, even here and even now!**

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #450**  
*Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*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** Davis McLaurin Dukes (9:00 am)  
Daniel Jay Fitch (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key (9:00 am)  
Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (11:15 am)

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we merely go through the motions of following you. Forgive us when we are quick to condemn others but slow to practice self-discipline. Forgive us when we are slow to claim the spirit of power and love you model in Jesus Christ. Hear our confession in this silence, and forgive us we pray....**

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 #824**  
*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* MC AFEE  
**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. Mooneyhan  
**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**  
*Vision Prayer* Molly Ijames  
Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine, and now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine. His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies, and spread His truth and beauty before my wond’ring eyes. Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see, the dying of my Savior has given life to me. And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour has left the dark tomb empty, and freed me from its power. O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart, this brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart. And as I shine this gospel in ev’ry darkened place, O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

**\*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** Darren Knight  
\*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**  
**Unison Reading: Acts 9:1-6,17-19** Page 119  
Scripture Focus: 2 Timothy 1:1-9a Page 199

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

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
“How to Be An Influencer”

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #700**  
*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I’M GONNA LIVE

\*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

\*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?**  
*Contact the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step class which begins March 2, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.*

**DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:**  
Davis McLaurin Dukes, son of Laurin and Andrew Dukes, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Zack Hudson will offer the baptismal prayer.

Daniel Jay Fitch, son of Rachel and Stephen Fitch, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Sara Lynn Curtis will offer the baptismal prayer.

**January 25, 2026**  
Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd  
2 Timothy 3:10-17  
“God-breathed Word”