

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

**Kingdom Kids and Club 345 Resume Tonight at 5 p.m.:** Look for emails from Mrs. Stefanie. Parents, we still need volunteers, so please sign up to help on Sundays if you can.

**Worship Discovery for Second Graders begins Today:** 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 28th:** MENU: Adults: Pot Roast with Gravy, Boiled Potatoes, Roasted Carrots & Bread Sticks, Children: Pot Roast with Gravy, Green Beans & Carrots. 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 the Parlor) Join Care Pastors along with guest teacher Nancy Shultz to experience the relaxation and restoration of Yoga Nidra. Bring your yoga mat if you have one (will have some to borrow), dress comfortably and join us! No experience necessary.

**Mindfulness Mondays Return in February:** Meet Care Pastors in the Parlor on the first and third Mondays. We meet at 9 a.m. on February 2nd and 5 p.m. on February 16th.

**All are Invited to Sing with the “Make a Joyful Noise” Choir on February 3 (6-6:45 pm):** in the Adult Reception Hall. If you enjoy singing you should join us- no strings attached. We will enjoy a meal at Laura & Kevin Long’s afterwards. Please RSVP!

**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)).

**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 to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:9-11

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** SALLIE JAMESON AND CHAD ABRAMSON  
**HEAD USHER:** BERRY MATTOX (9:00) WILSON MCDONALD (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  
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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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026

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**  
*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* J.S. Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall  
Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.  
**People:** All people may take refuge in the shadow of God’s embrace.  
Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.  
**People:** In Christ we behold the Light of God.  
**All:** Let us worship the Lord!

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #410**  
*God Is Calling Through the Whisper* W ZLOBIE LEZY

**\*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.

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
We confess, O God, that our prayers are so small when measured by all that you desire for us. Again and again we close our lives to your will when it does not fit our hopes. We forget that you can be trusted to work for our good. Keep our faith lively, so that in the midst of all the confusion of our lives, we may not miss the presence of your kingdom. Astonish us with the newness of life that jolts us out of the ruts into which we settle so comfortably. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who came that we might have life more abundantly than we could even imagine. Hear us, now as we pray silently to you...

**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.

**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**  
*The Music of Thy Name* Craig Courtney  
Jesus, my Shepherd, Husband, Friend, My Prophet, Priest and King; My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring. Alleluia. Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; But when I see Thee as Thou art, I’ll praise Thee as I ought. Alleluia.\*Til then I would Thy love proclaim with ev’ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death. Alleluia.

**\*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** Sallie Jameson

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**  
Unison Reading: Isaiah 55:9-11 Page 645  
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Page 200

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

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd  
“God-breathed Word”

\*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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**HYMN OF PREPARATION #515**  
*I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

**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**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #718**  
*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* BOURBON

**\*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**  
*Improvisation*

**\*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?**  
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**February 1, 2026**  
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith