

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 22nd: immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing one Deacon and one Elder to fill vacancies, and for electing the Officer Nominating Committee for 2026.

Nomination forms for EPW's Honorary Lifetime Membership Awards are available: Forms may be picked up in our reception area or filled out online under Upcoming Events. Please submit nominations by March 6. Our 2025 honorees were Martha Casto and Pam Halligan.

Kingdom Kids and Club 345 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.

Join us for the Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. in Thompson Hall : **MENU:** Adults: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs & Hashbrowns, Children: Pancakes, Bacon & Fried Apples. Please RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

Mindfulness Mondays returns tomorrow at 5 p.m. (Parlor): Join Care Pastors for a time of centering prayer, mindfulness practices, and also to pray over our church family.

This Thursday is Transitions Third Thursday: Sign up for AM or PM meal service. Donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, bananas, and water are needed in the Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

Interested in Membership at Eastminster? Join us for the First Step Class (February 22nd - March 22nd). Visit Upcoming Events to register. Questions? Contact Katie Barthel (kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org).

Seniors Ministry Kick-off Luncheon is February 22nd: Members 65+ are invited to join us in the CLC game room after worship. Enjoy fellowship and see what's on the Seniors' Calendar for 2026. Please RSVP under Upcoming Events for a complimentary meal.

Men's Oyster Roast on Thursday, February 26th, at the Causey's: EPC men are invited to join us for food and fellowship at 6 p.m. Venmo \$25 to Berry Mattox to RSVP, or sign up via Upcoming Events.

March Out For Missions is March 7th with Rise Against Hunger in the CLC (gym): Visit Upcoming Events to sign up and serve that morning. We will be packing food to fight hunger across the globe!

Join us for a Peace Service on March 8th, at 4 p.m. (Sanctuary): a Worship Service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion and Anointing. Each Peace Service is led by Care Pastors, and all are welcome.

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.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to honor our Valentines, Susan and Frances, by Bill and Tommy Coggins.

Unison Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
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DEACONS: JONI RICHARDSON AND GEOFF REABOLD
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

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 15, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

www.eastminsterpres.org

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

Come Ye that Love the Lord

Brass ensemble

arr. Monty J. Budahl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Leader: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we are called to the mountaintop with Jesus, where light will shine and luminaries appear.

People: Jesus, who includes the outcasts, heals the broken, and teaches with wisdom, will hear his Father's voice: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him."

Leader: So we gather to read, to learn, to worship, to follow Jesus who is God with us, our Messiah.

All: Left weary and worried by the ways of this world, touch and transform our hearts and minds, hands and mouths, O Lord, that we would worship and follow you, who is alone the Light of the world!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*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

Rev. Rob Schoonover

The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Holy God, Forgive us our reluctance to trust you. We confess that we put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, then find ourselves discouraged when things fall apart. You love us more fully than anything we experience in this world, but we are slow to give thanks and quick to look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us, and hear our confessions in this silence...

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

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

Trinity Te Deum

Ēriks Ešenvalds

See insert for text
Chamber Orchestra: Greg Mayer, Nathan Doubledee, Ethan Bautz, Taylor Klonowski, Julia Ross, Sylvia Trimmier

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Becky Airheart

*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: *Isaiah 42:1-4*

Scripture Focus: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Leader: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"Our Unaffected Messiah"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #827

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

*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.

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February 22, 2026

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

James 1:19-27

"Leading with Your Ears, Then Doing"