

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 PM Lenten Study of James starts Tonight: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Gray Music Room to learn about James' letter for a "Settled World" through March 29th (5 weeks). There will also be a sermon series on James during March.

Explore the History of the Reformation in Scotland on October 8-22, 2026: Interested in learning about the rise of Presbyterianism? Come to a "fact-finding" meeting next Sunday at 3 p.m., in the CLC (Rooms 271-273). The trip will be led by Dr. Carol Byrd and Jane Brissette. There is room for 40 travelers.

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.

EAA Group Photography 4-week Workshop begins Tomorrow (HS Students+): for all experience levels. Bring your digital camera or request one via EAA. Ryan Holcombe (EPC Communications) will lead our workshop (\$110/student registration fee). Visit the EAA page on our website to register by tonight!

Join us for Mindfulness Mondays in March: Meet us in the parlor tomorrow at 9 a.m. to gather to practice prayer and other mindfulness techniques. We'll meet again on March 16th at 5 p.m. No need to sign up.

WE@EPC Meal on March 4th (5:15 p.m.): MENU: Adults: Creamy Tuscan Turkey Medallions, Fettuccine Noodles, Vegetable Medley & Rolls. Children: Turkey & Cheese Sliders, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable Medley & Rolls. Please RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

WE@EPC Adult PM Lenten Classes Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.: Dr. Douglass Key's book study, "Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America," is about reasserting the truth of the Gospel. That study will be in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). "Praying the Scriptures" is a pastor-led class in the parlor to help us read and pray scripture more slowly and thoughtfully.

Nomination forms for EPW's Honorary Lifetime Membership Awards are due this Friday: Forms may be picked up in our reception area or filled out online under Upcoming Events.

March Out For Missions is this Saturday, March 7th, with Rise Against Hunger in the CLC (gym): Visit Upcoming Events to sign up for shift #2 (11:30-12:45 p.m.). Pack food to fight hunger across the globe!

Join us for a Peace Service on March 8th, at 4 p.m. (Sanctuary): a service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion and Anointing- accompanied by a guest harpist. Each Peace Service is led by Care Pastors.

Seniors' Tour of Historic Millford Plantation (\$17) is Friday, March 13th: from 12:30 - 5 p.m. We will travel by bus to Pinewood, SC. Space is limited for this private tour. If you have questions, contact Kristy Stoneburner (kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org) Sign up via Upcoming Events.

EPW's "Generations of Grace" Tea Party is Sunday, March 22nd: at 2:30 p.m., in Thompson Hall. It's a lovely afternoon with delicious treats and fun activities for ladies of all ages. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

EPW Spring Flower Arrangement Workshop is Thursday, March 26th: Create a flower cross wreath with us in Thompson Hall. \$25 covers all materials, but please bring shears. Only 24 spots! Sign up by March 24.

High School Youth Lock-In is Friday, March 27th: Mark your calendars and look for information from Pastor Rob. Let's get together before "Summer Scatter" and some of us head to college in the Fall.

Serve with us in Western NC April 17th - 22nd: repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Helene. Other options: 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 the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.

FIRST READING: James 2:1-10

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: RICHARD SLATER AND LUCY SCOVILLE
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES (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
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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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,**

Leader: and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue,

People: **but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt.**

All: **Those who do these things shall never be moved. Let us worship God!**

Psalm 15

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #805

Come, Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

*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. W. Croskeys Royall

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold. You choose us in grace and we choose the world in partiality and greed. You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us a new faith: to love you and one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we open our hearts now in silent prayer...

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 #447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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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

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not a way from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

Psalm 51: 10-13

*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

Richard Slater

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Second Reading: Jams 2:14-17

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

“Blessed Are the Rich in Faith”

*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 #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

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 #738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #543 *(verse 5)*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

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?

Join us for the First Step Class, which began last Sunday. At First Step, you'll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Contact Katie Barthel (kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org).

March 8, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith