

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For details and to register for the below programs and events, visit Upcoming Events ([www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org))

**Explore the History of the Reformation in Scotland on October 8-22, 2026:** Consider traveling to Scotland in October. The trip will be led by Dr. Carol Byrd and Jane Brissette. There is room for 42 travelers. Visit Upcoming Events to learn more and sign up.

**Officer Nomination Forms for the Class of 2029 are Available:** Visit Upcoming Events to submit a nomination online by Friday, March 27th, 2026.

**Healthy Grief Taskforce Surveys:** are available. Small Group and Sunday School Class Leaders should pick up surveys for your groups in the Lynn Temple Jones Library. If members who receive surveys in the mail will please fill them out and mail them back to Dr. Carol Byrd.

**Sundays@5 Adult PM Lenten Study of James Continues:** Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Gray Music Room to learn about James' letter for a "Settled World" through March 29th.

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

**Easter Lily Dedication Forms are Available:** You may pick one up today in our welcome areas, or visit Upcoming Events to dedicate online. All nominations are due to Julie McDaniel by Wednesday, April 1st.

**WE@EPC Meal on March 18th (5:15 p.m.):** MENU: Adults: Beef Shepherd's Pie, Fried Squash, and Steamed Broccoli. Children: Beef Shepherd's Pie, and Carrot & Celery Sticks with Ranch. Please RSVP by Wednesday at noon.

**WE@EPC Adult PM Lenten Classes Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. through March 25th:** 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.

**Pre-K St. Patrick's Day Celebration is Tuesday, March 17th:** for 5K and under (siblings welcome). We'll meet in Thompson Hall from 5:15 until 6:30 p.m. Look for emails from Pastor Croskeys and join us.

**Transitions Third Thursday is March 19th:** Sign up to serve lunch or dinner under Upcoming Events. Donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, bananas, and water are also needed and due to the Church Office/Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. Thank you to all who serve our friends at Transitions.

**EPW's "Generations of Grace" Tea Party is Sunday, March 22nd:** at 2:30 p.m., in Thompson Hall. If you attended last year, you won't want to miss it. It's a lovely afternoon with delicious treats and fun activities for ladies of all ages, and you're all invited! Please RSVP by Monday, March 16th.

**Cancer Support Meeting on March 25th:** from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (E-351). If you or a loved one is struggling with cancer, consider joining us. Cancer Support Meetings are led by our Congregational Care pastors.

**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 (24 spots-RSVP by March 24th).

**Holy Week is March 29th - April 5th:** Palm Sunday is on March 29th, followed by Maundy Thursday Communion worship on April 2nd (7 p.m.), and Good Friday Tenebrae worship on April 3rd (7 p.m.). Easter Sunday is April 5th with four worship services and a time for fellowship in the Courtyard.

**Serve with us in Western NC April 17th - 22nd:** repairing Hurricane Helene damage. Other options: April 17th-19th, April 19th-22nd. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

**Holy Rest: A Contemplative Retreat May 1-4 at Montreat.** Join us for this time away to rest and recharge, drawing near to God in the awe-inspiring natural beauty of the Blue Ridge. Register via Upcoming Events.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given in celebration of the baptism of George and Catherine Riley by Elizabeth and Trey Riley.

## Unison Reading: James 4:1-4

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** CLAY SHARPE AND PARKER SIZEMORE  
**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



EASTMINSTER  
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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

*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Johann G. Walther

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan (9:00 am)

Rev. Croskeys Royall (11:15 am)

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

People: **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and God will exalt you.**

Leader: O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.

People: **Help us to be humble and to seek your way.**

All: **Touch us, transform us, O Lord, as we bow before you in worship!**

#### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #624

*I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

#### \*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

Catherine Hunter Riley and

George Parish Riley (9:00 am)

Lane Campbell Schultz (11:15 am)

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

#### \*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rob Schoonover

**Gracious God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus teaches us: “No one can serve two masters.” Forgive us. Give us strength to seek your kingdom first, and humility to think of our own comfort less. Forgive us when we put our wants before others' needs, and forgive us when we seek to please others more than we seek to please you. Help us seek your face, O God, in this time of 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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#### 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

*Cause Me to Hear Thy Loving Kindness*

Raymond H. Haan

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning. For mine eyes are unto thee; in thee do I take refuge, and in thee I put my trust.

Based on Psalms 141 & 143

#### \*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

Elizabeth Barber

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“God Breathed Word”

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

#### \*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

*On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)*

Sir Charles V. Stanford

#### \*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 Feb. 22 and runs through March 22. Visit Upcoming Events to register, or contact Katie Barthel ([kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org)).

#### DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Catherine Hunter Riley and George Parish, daughter and son of Elizabeth and Troy Riley, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Sharon Bryant will offer the baptismal prayer.

Lane Campbell Schultz, daughter of Lauren and James Schultz, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Anne Seabrook will offer the baptismal prayer.

#### March 22, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

\*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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