

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

EPW's "Generations of Grace" Tea Party is Today: at 2:30 p.m., in Thompson Hall. We look forward to a lovely afternoon with delicious treats and fun activities for ladies of all ages. This event is full!

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

Easter Lily Dedication Forms are due April 1st: 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.

Healthy Grief Taskforce Surveys: 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. Surveys are due back by next Sunday, March 29th.

Sundays@5 Adult PM Lenten Study of James with Dr. Douglass Key ends Tonight.

Last Kingdom Kids and Club 345 Tonight at 5 p.m.: Look for emails from Mrs. Stefanie.

EPC Egg Scramble: Join us next Sunday, March 29th at 4 p.m. in the Courtyard. Babies - 5K. 2500 eggs, refreshments, crafts, a reading of the Easter story, and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny!

Elementary Spring Celebration: is also next Sunday, March 29th, from 5-6:30 p.m. for 1st-5th Graders. Join us in the CLC Gym for pizza, crafts, inflatables, and more!

WE@EPC Meal on March 25th (5:15 p.m.): MENU: Adults: Jambalaya (Chicken, Shrimp & Sausage), Rice, Corn & Butterbeans. Children: Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots & Green Beans. Please RSVP by Wednesday at noon. There will be three additional WE@EPC meals on April 15th, 22nd & 29th after a two-week break.

Last WE@EPC Adult PM Lenten Classes This Week: Dr. Douglass Key's book study, "Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America," and "Praying the Scriptures."

Cancer Support Meeting is this Wednesday, 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 this 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 Tuesday, March 24th)

High School Youth Lock-In is this Friday, March 27th: Look for information from Pastor Rob and join us for March Madness, great food, and fellowship.

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. Please register via Upcoming Events by April 13th.

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.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Riley McMaster Walker by her grandmother Marnie Clayton.

Unison Reading: James 4:13-17

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." ¹⁴ Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it commits sin.

SERMON NOTES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29:

Palm Sunday worship, **Sanctuary** at 9 am, and **Sanctuary and Thompson Hall** (contemporary) at 11:15 am.

Thursday, April 2:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, **Sanctuary**, 7 pm

Friday, April 3:

Good Friday Service, **Sanctuary**, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5:

Sunrise Service, **Courtyard**, 6:30 am
Traditional Easter Services, **Sanctuary**, 8:45 and 10:30 am
Courtyard Celebration, 9:45 am
Contemporary Easter Service, **Thompson Hall**, 10:30 am

DEACONS: ROBERT SIMMONS AND MATT RIDDLE
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) WILSON McDONALD (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.
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Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 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

Chorale Prelude on “Martyrdom”

Sir Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rob Schoonover (9:00 am)

Rev. Croskeys Royall (11:15 am)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord our God,

People: who has delivered us from evil.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: maker of heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFORD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 am)

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (Unison)

(from 1 Corinthians 15)

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI (the children may be excused)

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

Riley McMaster Walker (9:00 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love as we approach you 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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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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

The Yearning

Craig Courtney

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow. There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow. There is a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation. There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning. There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing. There is a yearning when all our sorrow are erased and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Susan Betall Boersma

*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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Closing Argument”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

*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

Postlude in E-flat Major

Robert J. Powell

*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 Katie Barthel at 803-256-1654 or kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org to learn more about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Riley McMaster Walker, daughter Daniel and Mary-Riley Walker, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Madison Dye will offer the baptismal prayer.

March 29, 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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