

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Help Decorate Eastminster for Easter:** by dedicating an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one. Pick up a form today in our welcome areas, or visit Upcoming Events to dedicate online. Dedications are due to Julie McDaniel Wednesday, April 1st.

**Healthy Grief Taskforce Surveys are due back to Dr. Carol Byrd Today:** Thank you to all who participated so our Care Team can provide healthy healing resources and pastoral assistance for those in our congregation who have lost a loved one.

**EPC Egg Scramble Today:** for families with babies - 5K. Join us at 4 p.m. in the Courtyard. There will be 2,500 eggs, refreshments, crafts, a reading of the Easter story, and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny! !

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

**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. All adults are invited to join us. Register by April 13th.

**Help Decorate the Flower Cross on Easter Sunday:** Please bring flowers to the Courtyard during our time of fellowship at 9:45 a.m.

**Join us for Confirmation Sunday on April 12th:** as we recognize and celebrate our 2026 Confirmands at 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship.

**Seniors' Tour of Cypress Gardens is Tuesday, April 14th:** The cost is \$7. We'll depart from EPC at 9 a.m. via bus and return by 4:30 p.m. If you have questions about EPC's Seniors' Ministry, contact Kristy Stoneburner ([kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org)).

**WE@EPC Three-week Classes and Meals in April (5:15 p.m.):** Meals and evening classes resume April 15th, 22nd & 29th. Classes include The Barmen Declaration Study with Dr. Douglass Key, and GriefShare with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan.

**EPW Lunch & Learn: Worship Arts** Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at noon on April 16th, 23rd & 30th for lunch, fellowship and study, with staff-led workshops on faithful creative expressions: handlettering, devotional writing, and music. Register online under upcoming events to pre-order lunch (or bring your own).

**Join us for a Concert in the Courtyard on Sunday, April 19th:** hosted by Worship & Music and EAA. Enjoy upbeat family-friendly music from movies, musical theatre, opera, and more. Admission is free, and there will be food trucks along Trenholm.

**EPW Sisters in Christ Dinner is Tuesday, April 21st:** in Thompson Hall (TH). Mark your calendars for this annual dinner. Enjoy a delicious meal with friends as we celebrate our Honorary Lifetime Membership Award recipients and hear about upcoming studies.

**Blessing of the Animals Peace Service on the Field is April 26th at 4pm:** Invite the neighbors and bring your pets as we bless our furry family members, remembering the joy they bring to us and our call to care for the earth and its creatures.

**TODAY AT THE 9:00 AM SERVICE WE RECOGNIZE OUR SECOND GRADERS** who completed Worship Discovery: Carter Nash Barnes, Anderson Bullard, Andrew Wooten Clawson, Mary Grier DiBiase, Sutton DiMarco, Graham Earhardt, McLain Earhardt, \*Lily Blair Frazier, Audrey Elizabeth Gaston, \*Frederick Gray Griffin, Wells Davis Hardin, James Jennings, William Barmore Jones, \*Julia Marshall Laval, Sullivan Lawson, Winston Lawson, William Paul Leighton, \*Elliott Lindsay, \*Joseph Perry Major, \*Madelyn McWilliams, Marion Richard Mimms, Winifred Joanna Mims, \*Emery Elizabeth Mitchell, Stephen Wells Moffat, Marion Moses, \*Jeffrey Paul Muthig, Jackson Martin Reabold, John Taylor Scott, \*Charles Clayton Sharpe, Sarah Elizabeth Sharpe, Margot Spitz, William Porter Stoddard, \*Morgan Stuart

## UNISON READING: John 1:1-5; 10-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## SERMON NOTES

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### 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:** TAYLOR WRAY AND STEPHEN ROSS  
**HEAD USHER:** RUSS PURDY (9:00 AM) AND BILL STALLINGS (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  
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin.  
Blythe Lewis, Sr. Communications Officer  
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center  
James Cassidy, A/V Director

Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Robert Schoonover, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate  
Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship & Arts  
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth  
Katie Herndon, Day School Director  
Christy Rippy, Treasurer  
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN



PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 29, 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

*Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735*

J. S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INTROIT

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Shari Anderson  
Kingdom Kids (4K-2nd grade) 9:00 am

*Ride On, King Jesus!* Traditional African American spiritual arr. Moses Hogan  
Chancel Choir 11:15 am

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key  
Leader: Rejoice children of God! For our King comes triumphant in love, yet as a humble servant.

People: **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

All: **Let us give honor, praise and glory to Jesus the Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

#### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #196

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

#### \*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.**

#### PRESENTATION OF WORSHIP DISCOVERY BIBLES *(9:00 am)*

#### \*\*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

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and let it begin with our silent confessions even now...**

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

*And Can It Be*

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Saviour's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing Love! How can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteous divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1738)

#### \*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

Amy Cain

\*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: John 1:1-5; 10-14**

Scripture Focus: John 12:12-15;17-28; 35-36

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

“Winning by Losing”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

#### \*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

*Hornpipe*

G. F. Handel

#### \*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 the Katie Barthel at [kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org) or 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step group, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.*

#### April 5, 2026-Easter Day

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

John 20:1-18

“He Shows Up”