

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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 today 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.

The Peace Service is Today at 4 p.m. (Sanctuary): Join us for a service of “Healing and Wholeness with Communion and Anointing”- accompanied by special guest harpist, Christine Van Arsdale. Each Peace Service is led by Care Pastors.

Sundays@5 Adult PM Lenten Study of James Continues Tonight: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Gray Music Room to learn about James’ letter for a “Settled World” through March 29th (5 weeks).

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.

VBS 2026 June 15th-18th (9-Noon) Registration is Now Open: for Rising 4K through Rising 6th Graders. Look for emails from Pastor Croskeys or go to Upcoming Events to learn more and sign up.

EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall: All EPC ladies are invited to a time of fellowship, prayer, and faith formation on second Mondays during the school year. Join us!

Easter Lily Dedication Forms are Available: Help decorate for Easter Sunday (April 5th). You may pick one up today in our reception and welcome areas, or visit Upcoming Events to dedicate online. Please return to Julie McDaniel by Wednesday, April 1st.

WE@EPC Meal on March 11th (5:15 p.m.): MENU: Adults: Beef Taco Bowls, Mexican Rice & Street Corn. Children: Beef Soft Tacos, Mexican Rice & Corn. 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.

Seniors’ Tour of Historic Millford Plantation this Friday, March 13th, is FULL: Travelers, we’ll leave at 12:30 p.m. and return by 5 p.m. via bus to Pinewood, SC. If you have questions, contact Kristy Stoneburner (kstoneburner@eastminsterpres.org).

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.

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-please RSVP by March 24th)

High School Youth Lock-In is Friday, March 27th: Mark your calendars and look for information from Pastor Rob. Let’s get together before the “Summer Scatter” and when graduates head to college.

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.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by an Eastminster family

Unison Reading: James 3:13-18

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not

come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be

disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of

mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: LISA NEWMAN AND DANA WILSON
HEAD USHER: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (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
PRESBYTERIAN



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 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
A Lenten Prelude Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd (9:00 am)
Rev. Rob Schoonover (11:15 am)
Leader: ¹Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.
People: ²Everyone lies to their neighbor, they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.
Leader: ³May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue.
All: ⁶The words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.
Psalm 12:1-3, 6

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #829
My Faith Looks Up to Thee OLIVET

***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 Wynn Christian Livingston (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. Dr. Douglass D. Key
Patient and Merciful God, we confess we have not been patient with you, with others, or with ourselves. We too often value our own opinions over your eternal truths. We confess that we are quick to speak and slow to listen, to others and to you. Yet, we are reminded of your Word, your love, your tender kindness. We confess of our need for your help and your guidance to live faithfully as you have called us to live. Forgive us, heal us, and make us whole; that our thoughts and words may be of you, our lives lived as an overflowing thank offering for all of the goodness and mercy we receive in your name.

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
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Matthew Culloton
Ariel Collins, flute and Christine Van Arsdale, harp

***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** Yolanda Courie

*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
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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Emily Mooneyhan
“Where Did that Come From?!”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #816**
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR LIEBEN GOTT

***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
Improvisation

***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).

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Wynn Christian Livingston, daughter of Margaret and Alden Livingston, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 9:00 am service. Chris Goodall, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

March 15, 2026
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith