

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands**, who will be received at the 11:15 am service: Gibbes Boineau, Elizabeth Boykin, Katherine Boykin, Amelia Bradley, William Brownlee, Roan Cothran, Hank Dillard, Grace Fuller, Mary Elizabeth Fuller, Leyton Garrett, Logan Gentry, Addie Gillespie, Duncan Hicklin, Haley Hicklin, Taber Jeffords, Ellison Judy, Campbell Lee, Spencer Lindsay, Jr., Walker McWilliams, Marshall Morton, IV, Parker Moss, Christian Nelson, Andrew Richardson, III, Wade Sitton, Owen Smith, Holston St. John, Lawson Stoneburner, Mac Strong, Jr., Margaret Palmer Waite, Evelyn Wilson

**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. Visit Upcoming Events to learn more and [register by tomorrow, April 13th](#).

**EPW Circles One and Three Meet Tomorrow:** at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall. All ladies are invited to enjoy fellowship, study, and prayer. Please consider joining us on second Mondays during the school-year.

**Eastminster Experience (E2) Summer Internships for College-aged Co-eds:** If you would like to learn more about working at a church, apply for an E2 internship. Applications can be downloaded under Upcoming Events and are due to Rev. Rob Schoonover by April 20th.

**WE@EPC Three-week Classes and Meals April 15th (5:15 p.m.):** 22nd & 29th. Post-Lent offerings include The Barmen Declaration Study with Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH), and GriefShare with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan in Room E-358. Visit Upcoming Events for more details.

**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).

**Transitions Third Thursday is April 16th:** Volunteers are needed to serve either the lunch or dinner meal, and donations of pasta salad, pound cake, bananas, and bottled water are due to the Church Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. on the 16th. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

**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. Invite a friend!

**Mindfulness Mondays in April and May on third Mondays at 5 p.m.** Join us in the parlor on April 20th and May 18th to pray for our church family and practice other mindful techniques. All are welcome.

**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.

**Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is Thursday, April 23rd:** (7 p.m.-9 p.m.) at Karen and Johnny Hudgens' home. If you are in your 50's - 60's and looking to reconnect with church friends, please join us. We are couples, singles, and some empty nesters. We gather for fellowship, pray for church members, and enjoy catching up. You will be able to sign up to bring either an appetizer or a dessert via Upcoming Events.

**Children's Emphasis Sunday is April 26th:** Our EPC Children's Choir and our Day School children will perform during both sanctuary worship services. Threes will sing during 9 a.m. worship, and fours will sing during 11:15 a.m. worship. Please join us in support as we celebrate all EPC children.

**Blessing of the Animals Peace Service on the Field is April 26th at 4 p.m.:** Bring your pets for a special blessing and commemorative certificate. This is a meaningful, family-friendly, community event. Bring friends and a lawn chair.

**Healthy Cooking with Sandy Spann on April 29th, at 10:30 a.m., in the CLC (Room 265):** Join us for a free cooking demonstration and tasting. Sandy's healthy recipes will be provided that day. Register for one of the 20 spots under Upcoming Events.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given by Buddy and Margaret Cullum in honor of their grandchildren, Baker, Reese, Chase, Campbell and Hank

## Unison Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** SALLIE JAMESON AND KRIS WHITESIDE  
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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

Leader: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

**People: My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**People: And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*\*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.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Merciful Lord, you ask us, “Do you love me?” and we want to say yes—yet our lives do not always reflect that love. We confess that we have failed to care for your sheep: we have been indifferent to those in need, silent when we should have spoken, and focused on ourselves instead of others. We follow at a distance when you call us to follow closely, especially when the path is costly or unclear. Forgive us, Lord. Restore us in your mercy, and strengthen us to love you by tending to the people you have entrusted to our care. By your grace, lead us again to follow you. Amen.

### 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 #443

*There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit til the work on earth is done.**

## 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

*Let Everything that Hath Breath*

Jeffrey Ames

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare His glory among the nations. Let everything that breath praise the Lord! Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together. Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worthy to be praised. Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of Triumph! For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Come on and praise the Lord. Let's all praise His name. Give Him the highest praise. Praise Him with the timbrel, praise with the dance. Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands. Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name. For the Lord is worthy to be praised.

### \*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

Bob Staton

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-15**

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Scripture Focus: John 21:1-2, 15-19

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Our Whole Selves”

Rev. Rob Schoonover

## CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT, PROFESSION OF FAITH, AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #69** (verses 1 & 2, please remain seated)

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

### CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

Pastor: Hear us as we commend these new servants to your care praying together:

**All: Defend, O Lord, these newest brothers and sisters in Christ with your heavenly grace that they may always love you, grow-**

**ing each day in wisdom and grace, serving you with joy until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.**

Pastor: Now may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory, confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen!**

### \*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.**

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #69 (verse 3)

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

### \*CONFIRMATION PRAYER

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be at your back; may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field and until we meet again, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.**

## 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?

*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.*

### April 19, 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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