

## 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.”

**EPC’s Courtyard Concert is Today at 5 p.m.:** 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. Bring your lawn chairs and invite a friend!

**Eastminster Experience (E2) Summer Internship Applications:** If you are college-aged and would like to learn more about church work, apply for an E2 internship. Applications can be downloaded under Upcoming Events and are due to Rev. Rob Schoonover by tomorrow.

**You Can Still Register for the Holy Rest Retreat:** in Montreat on May 1-4 via Upcoming Events. This retreat is for all adults. Join us to recenter and refocus surrounded by the beauty of creation.

**Mindfulness Monday Returns Tomorrow 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.

**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.

**WE@EPC Three-week Classes and Meals Continue (Dinner 5:15 p.m.):** April 22nd & 29th. Post-Lent offerings include The Barmen Declaration Study with Dr. Douglass Key at 6 p.m. in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH), and GriefShare with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan at 6 p.m. in Room E-358. Visit Upcoming Events for more details.

**EPW Lunch & Learn: Worship Arts** continue in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at noon on April 23rd & 30th. Enjoy lunch, fellowship, and study, with staff-led workshops on faithful creative expressions: handlettering with Lauren Cunningham, and music with Dr. Augie Gil. Register under Upcoming Events to pre-order lunch (or bring your own).

**Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is this 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:** EPC Children’s Choir and Day School children will help lead worship during both sanctuary services. Threes will sing at 9 a.m. worship, and fours will sing at 11:15 a.m. worship. Please join in celebrating all EPC children.

**April 26th is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Thank you to all who bring donations of peanut butter on fourth Sundays for local food banks. Look for Harvest Hope peanut butter bins around campus.

**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 family-friendly, community event. Bring friends and a lawn chair.

**Healthy Cooking with Sandy Spann on April 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the CLC (Room 265):** Join us for a free demonstration. There is room for twenty. Healthy recipes will be provided that day. Register under Upcoming Events.

**May 3rd is Communion Sunday:** If you know of a member who would like to receive Home Communion, please contact Kelly McGrady, admin for Congregational Care and Concern, in the Church Office at (803) 256-1654 (ext. 123).

**Mother’s Day Special Offering on May 10th:** Thank you for your benevolence each May to support residents of Presbyterian Communities. **Flowers in the sanctuary** are given with love on the occasion of the baptism of Davis Edward Towles by his grandparents, Greg and Sally Kay, and James and Mary Towles. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given with love in joyful celebration of the baptism of Davis Edward Towles, with gratitude for God’s blessings by Lisa and Bryan Kay & family

## UNISON READING: John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

## SERMON NOTES



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**DEACONS:** KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND DAVID ELLISON  
**HEAD USHER:** DON HELMS (9:00 AM) AND 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  
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2026  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
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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. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Leader: Nudged by the Holy Spirit and called by Christ, we gather as people on a journey.

People: **We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, yet beloved by God.**

Leader: Awakened to God's goodness in Jesus, we gather in community, walking, worshipping, serving, sharing and praying together.

People: **Beloved and forgiven by God, we confess our doubts and profess our yearning for a new way, a new perspective: the way of Jesus, our resurrected Lord!**

All: Let us worship God!

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #233

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

### \*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

Davis Edward Towles *(11:15 am)*

### BAPTISMAL HYMN #297

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

ST. DENIO

1. In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.
4. Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around Above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ, we may grow.

### \*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall *(9:00 am)*

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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

You guide us in right paths, O God. You guide our feet in the way of peace; you guide our hands to care for others; you guide our hearts to love our neighbors. Yet, we confess O Lord, that we worry and wander and let other voices drown out your voice. Call us back to you, O Christ, and renew our faith this Easter season. Hear our confessions in this silence, forgive us, and help us individually and collectively do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you...

### 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

Rev. Rob Schoonover

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

*You Are My God and King*

Tom Fettke

O Lord, You are my God and King, And I will ever praise You, I will magnify Your name. O Lord, You are my God and King. And I will ever love You, I will ever bless Your name. I will extol You every day, and evermore Your praise proclaim. I'll tell of Your splendor, tell of Your beauty, tell of your steadfast love. I will bless Your name, O Lord.

Based on Psalm 145

### \*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

Ryan Causey

\*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

**Together: John 20:19-23**

Pastor: John 20:24-31

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

We Are Easter People #1: “For-giving and Giving-forth”

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### \*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 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.

### DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

Davis Edward Towles, son of Hannah and Kyle Towles, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Robert Simmons will offer the baptismal prayer.

### April 26, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

We Are Easter People #2: “Build Your Child's Life Upon the Rock:

Children's Emphasis Sunday