

## WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Today is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Thank you to all who bring donations of peanut butter on fourth Sundays for local food banks. Drop off at Harvest Hope bins around campus.

**Blessing of the Animals Peace Service on the Field is Today 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 this Wednesday, April 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the CLC (Room 265):** Join us for a free cooking demonstration and tasting. There is room for twenty. Healthy recipes will be provided that day. Register under Upcoming Events.

**Last WE@EPC Meal for Mini-mester is this Wednesday, April 29th (5:15 p.m.):** in Thompson Hall. MENU: Cheeseburgers, French Fries & Coleslaw, Children: Cheeseburger Sliders, French Fries & Cucumbers. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday. Adults (9+) \$8, Children (0-8) \$4.

**WE@EPC Classes:** Wednesday, April 29th, ends our Post-Lenten offerings, The Bar-men 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.

**EPW's last Lunch & Learn is April 30th at Noon (ARH):** Enjoy fellowship with this staff-led workshop on the faithful creative expressions of music with Dr. Augie Gil. Register under Upcoming Events to pre-order lunch (or bring your own).

**Explore the History of the Reformation in Scotland on October 8-22, 2026:** We'll be led by Dr. Carol Byrd and EPC member, Jane Brissette. New information has been added to the Upcoming Event for travelers and those interested in learning more. May 31st is the deadline for registration and full payment (42 travelers).

**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.

**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 is on May 10th:** Thank you for your benevolence each May to support residents of Presbyterian Communities.

**Baccalaureate Sunday is May 10th:** We will recognize our graduating high school seniors during traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Graduates and their families are also invited to breakfast that morning. Please RSVP via the email from Pastor Rob and send photos to Ryan Holcombe at [rholcombe@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:rholcombe@eastminsterpres.org).

**May 17th is the last Sunday of our Regular Worship Schedule:** On May 24th, breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. followed by one blended worship service in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Our Summer Worship Hours begin on Sunday, May 31st

**Seniors Tour of Landsford Canal State Park is Tuesday, May 26th:** Seniors, join us for a tour of Catawba, SC, during peak bloom season for the Rocky Shoals Spider Lily, followed by lunch at The Wagon Wheel. Admission is \$3.75, and we'll travel together by bus, departing by 9:30 a.m. and returning by 2:30 p.m.

**VBS 2026 June 15th-18th (9-Noon) Volunteers Needed:** If you can help, please sign up when you register your child(ren) under Upcoming Events on our website.

**Flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Robert" Myers" Hudson, son of Quinn and Bobby Hudson and grandson of Mitch and Lisa Newman. **Flowers in the Narthex** today are in honor of the marriage of Ansley and James Plexico.

## UNISON READING: Proverbs 15:1-4, 16-18

- A soft answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.  
<sup>2</sup>The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge,  
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.  
<sup>3</sup>The eyes of the Lord are in every place,  
keeping watch on the evil and the good.  
<sup>4</sup>A gentle tongue is a tree of life,  
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. ...  
<sup>16</sup>Better is a little with the fear of the Lord  
than great treasure and trouble with it.  
<sup>17</sup>Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is  
than a fatted ox and hatred with it.  
<sup>18</sup>Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife,  
but those who are slow to anger calm contention.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** GEOFF REABOLD AND RICHARD SLATER  
**HEAD USHER:** BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) AND 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  
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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

[www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)

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

**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**

**INTROIT**

*This Is the Day* Traditional

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

John 3:16 EDS Threes 9:00 am  
Psalm 23 EDS Fours 11:15 am

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #436**

*Jesus in the Morning* Traditional

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.
2. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in morning, praise Him in the noon-time. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down.
3. Love Him, love Him, love Him in the morning, love Him in the noon-time. Love Him, love Him, love Him when the sun goes down.
4. Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him in the morning, serve Him in the noon-time. Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him when the sun goes down.
5. Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him in the morning, thank Him in the noontime. Thank Him, thank Him, thank Him when the sun goes down.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Rob Schoonover

**\*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.**

**\*\*RESPONSE *(Please send the children forward.)***

*This Little Light of Mine* Traditional

*Alive, Alive* Traditional

Eastminster Threes (9:00 am)

Eastminster Fours (11:15 am)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Robert Myers Hudson *(11:15 am)*

**BAPTISMAL HYMN #188**

*Jesus Loves Me!* JESUS LOVES ME

**\*\*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. Carol J. Byrd

**Thank you, Lord God, for the relationships of life that you give us and for the special persons with whom we share the journey of life. Forgive us, O Creator, when we falter in valuing people and when we fail to cherish those closest to us. Mindful of your great love in Jesus Christ, who showed us the breadth and length and height and depth of what love is meant to be, we humbly confess our sin 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 #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. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**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**

*Come, Let Us Worship God* Katie Houts

**\*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**

Mary Hanna

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Together: Proverbs 15:1-4, 16-18** Page 108

Pastor: Matthew 7:24-27, Ephesians 5:21-27 Page 7, page 183

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*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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**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

We Are Easter People #2: “The Sure Foundation, For Us and For Our Children”

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #463**

*How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

**\*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 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:**

Robert Myers Hudson, son of Bobby and Quinn Hudson, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Mitch Newman, maternal grandfather, will offer the baptismal prayer.

**May 3, 2026**

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith