

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

* For details and to register for EPC programs and events, visit [Upcoming Events \(www.eastminsterpres.org\)](http://Upcoming Events (www.eastminsterpres.org)).

Limited copies of Rev. Dr. Olin Whitener's Book, *My Father's Gloves and Other Memories of a Well-worn Shepherd*, are available at reception areas around campus. The books are free, but you are asked to make a donation to Catch the Vision International. All donations will go to a scholarship fund in Dr. Whitener's name. To put your name on a list for bulk orders if all copies are gone, email Julie McDaniel at jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org.

*Tonight is EPC Youth Parent Vision Night in Thompson Hall (TH) from 5 - 6 p.m.: Hear updates from Pastor Rob and Emily Higgins on youth programming and the heart behind youth ministry, as well as the ways we will walk alongside EPC Youth during their faith development journeys.

*Mindfulness Monday is Tomorrow at 5 p.m.: Join us in the parlor to pray for our church family and practice other mindful techniques. You don't need to sign up, and all are welcome.

*Camp Impact at Camp Cole Service Opportunities: Camp Impact is June 1-5, and your help is needed. We are collecting 100 beach towels for the kids, delivering meals, and serving two meals this year. Drop off new beach towels in bins (CLC lobby & Church Office lobby) by May 26th. Sign up and see more under Upcoming Events.

Bible Doers will "Do" on May 20th from 7-8 a.m. at the Oliver's: Join us in fellowship and service as we prepare pasta salad for Transitions Third Thursday. Coffee is flowing, and all are welcome. Bible Doers will take a break in July and July, and "Do" again in August.

*"Make a Joyful Noise" Adult Choir Meets May 21st at 6 p.m.: in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). Ages 16+ are invited for an hour of low-pressure music making and community building. Come one, come all!

*Transitions Third Thursday is May 21st: with two opportunities to serve a meal-lunch and dinner. Donations of pasta salad, bananas & pound cakes for the evening meal are due to the Church Office Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m. on Third Thursdays.

*Join us on Memorial Day Sunday, May 24th: Enjoy an intergenerational breakfast at 9:00 a.m., followed by one blended worship service in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. (No Sunday School, or Jubilee Contemporary Worship Service in Thompson Hall on the 24th).

All Eastminster facilities will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

*Seniors Tour of Landsford Canal State Park is Tuesday, May 26th: Seniors, join us for a tour of Catawba, SC, followed by lunch at The Wagon Wheel. Admission is \$3.75. Please bring cash. We'll travel together by bus, departing by 9:30 a.m. and returning by 2:30 p.m. Note: There is a half-mile walk to and from the trail to see the lilies.

*Our Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 31st: with a combined Adult Sunday School in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 9 a.m. followed by two worship services, Jubilee Contemporary Worship in Thompson Hall at 10 a.m., and Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:15 a.m.

*VBS 2026 June 15th-18th (9-Noon) Volunteers Needed: Parents, Grandparents, and other members, if you can help, please sign up when you register your child(ren). If you are not registering a child, but wish to help that week, please contact Pastor Croskeys at croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

*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. Visit Upcoming Events to see all the information and register. May 31st is the deadline for registration and full payment.

Flowers in the sanctuary are in celebration of the May 16th wedding of Felicia Milsop and John "Jay" Hill, son of Sharmin and John Hill, in Buffalo, New York.

UNISON READING: Philippians 2:1-5

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

SERMON NOTES



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DEACONS: NATE HENDERSON AND JIM KITCHENS
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
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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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 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

The Heavens Are Telling from The Creation

Haydn/arr. Kelley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr Douglass D. Key

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?

People: **Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

Leader: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

People: **To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Micah 6:6,8

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Fifth Grade Class Creed (Unison)

We believe in God, Who made the earth and all living things. God watches over us and cares for all creation.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to teach us to love and care for others. He died for our sins, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is with us through highs and lows, comforts and guides us, keeps us safe, and helps us live as God's people.

We believe God forgives us, loves us no matter what, and saves us from our sins.

We believe God is three in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe Christians are called to love God, care for others, and share hope with the world.

**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.

**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. Rob Schoonover

Loving God, you call us to live as your humble disciples, following your example of selflessness. Forgive us for turning away from people in need, putting our own desires above others; for seeking immediate satisfaction over long-term healing, and for putting our wants above your will. God of mercy, give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace, to hear your call in Christ, and to respond in faith and gratitude.

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. Bradley D. Smith *(9 am)*, Rev. Schoonover *(11:15 am)*

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

How Can I Keep from Singing

Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song Above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though far off hymn That hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; How can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, Songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble sick with fear, And hear their death-knell ringing, When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing?

Robert Lowry

Sydney Fulcher, oboe and Savannah Elgin, violin

*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.

*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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*OFFICER'S PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Humility and Hospitality”

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged

SPARROW

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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.

May 24, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith