

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)).

Sample 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.

Beginning May 31, the children's sermon will be shown on the screens in the sanctuary, as this will allow the congregation to see the children's time. Additionally, Eastminster services are live streamed. Please respond accordingly if you have concerns about your child's image being projected. Please contact the Worship & Music Committee via Julie at jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org with any questions.

Today is Peanut Butter Sunday: Thank you for donating peanut butter on fourth Sundays to fight hunger in The Midlands!

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

*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 this Tuesday, May 26th. Sign up and see more under Upcoming Events.

*Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Next 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.

*Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Starts Next Sunday: Join Dr. Douglass Key in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH) at 9 a.m. for a book study on C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, a classic tale of temptation and its resistance. Whether you read it long ago and want to revisit, or have never picked it up before, join us for fellowship and great conversation this Summer.

*Summer Service Opportunities: You can now see all service opportunities in one "place." Visit our website's "Ministries" button, select "Missions," and scroll down to the magenta "I Want To Serve" button. A link is also in our Thursday ENews. Just click on the "Missions, Service & Benevolence" logo under the "Ministry Announcements" gray header. If you have questions, please contact Lauren Cunningham at lcunningham@eastminsterpres.org, or Laura Long at llong@eastminsterpres.org, and they will be happy to help!

Communion Sunday is June 7th: If you or a member you know would like to be served "In-Home Communion," please contact Kelly McGrady at kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org.

*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 croy-all@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's Jane Brissette. Visit Upcoming Events to see all the information and register. May 31st is the deadline for registration and full payment.

*Sozo Children Mission Adult Trip is July 21st - 31st to Uganda, Africa: Men and women are invited to serve with a team at the Sozo Village, where the children live and worship. We'll lead "Kid's Clubs," serve at schools, and share the Good News of the Gospel in homes. Visit Upcoming Events to sign up.

Save the Dates for the Advent Retreat December 4-6, 2026, at Montreat: Early Bird Registration will open on June 1 and close on September 1. Rev. Ernie Thompson is our speaker. Ernie is Parish Associate at First Presbyterian in Raleigh, NC, and the son of Eastminster's former Senior Pastor, Dr. Ernest Thompson.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family

UNISON READING: Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' ⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶And the LORD said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CHARLOTTE CASTLES AND CHAD ABRAMSON
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX

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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
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Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 24, 2026
10:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

INTROIT

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like Thee. And with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be. Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good. And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory

Thomas T. Lynch (1818-1871)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

People: God is with us, the Advocate, and Breath of Life.

Leader: Surely the presence of the Lord is with us in this place.

People: Whisper to us, O Counselor. Give us wisdom, O Teacher.

All: Come Holy Spirit, come! Help us claim your peace and grace. Help us share your light, and love, and justice!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #291

Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*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.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Smith

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Forgive us, O God, for the barriers we create between us and you.

Forgive our busyness, our inattentiveness to you, and our tendency to go our own way. Forgive our anger, our fear of change, and our reluctance to love others as you have loved us. Forgive us our worship of our school's "spirit," and our dependence on liquid "spirits," all the while neglecting your Holy Spirit. Change us, transform us, and help us open our hearts afresh to you, even in this silence.....

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 #300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit

Moses Hogan

I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes. It was grace that brought me. It was grace that taught me. It was grace that kept me and it's grace that will lead me home. I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes. Can't you feel the spirit movin'? I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes

*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

Kit Pound

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison: Genesis 11:1-9

Scripture Focus: Acts 2:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Promised Gift”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

Shine, Jesus, shine: fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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 31, 2026

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

John 14:1-9

“Finding Truth”

*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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