

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)).

***Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Today:** 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. This schedule runs through August 2nd.

Our Summer Sermon Series will focus on Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Each Sunday's sermon will hone in on one of these values.

***Combined Adult Summer Sunday School:** 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.

***Today is the last day to register and pay in full for the Scotland Reformation Trip in October:** Explore church history surrounded by the amazing beauty of Scotland. We'll be led by Dr. Carol Byrd and EPC's Jane Brissette. Visit Upcoming Events to see all the information and register.

***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.

***Family Movie Night is this Friday, June 5, in the Courtyard:** This event is hosted by our Children's Ministry Team. Look for details in this week's ENews under the Children's Ministry logo.

***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. Please contact Lauren Cunningham at lcunningham@eastminsterpres.org or Laura Long at llong@eastminsterpres.org if you have questions, and they will be happy to help!

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.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday: If you or a member you know would like to be served "In-Home Communion," please contact Kelly McGrady at kmc-grady@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 croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

***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.

***Register for the Advent Retreat December 4-6, 2026, at Montreat:** Early Bird Registration will open tomorrow and close on September 1st. 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: John 18:33-38a

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: MATT RIDDLE AND MARK CHAPPELL
HEAD USHER: BILL STALLINGS

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



TRINITY SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2026
10:15 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. Emily Mooneyhan

Leader: Show us your ways, O Lord, Teach us your paths;

People: **Guide us in your truth and teach us,**

Leader: For you are God our Savior,

People: **And our hope is in you all the day long.**

All: Let us worship the Lord!

Psalm 25

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 4:8 *(Unison)*

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**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

Carter Alexander Daniels

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

**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. Dr. Douglass D. Key

God of Grace, you call us to love as you love, care as you care, and seek justice, mercy and truth for so many of your children who suffer. Yet, we fail to heed your call. We draw back from those in need and say nothing when we see injustice. We repent of our selfishness and apathy. Forgive us and enable us to be the people we could be, the people you created us to be. Hear us now, as we pray our silent prayer of confession...

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 #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Michael D. Costello

We walk by faith and not by sight; With gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here." We may not touch your hands and side, Nor follow where you trod; But in you promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God." Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found. That, when our life on earth is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

Henry Alford

*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

Andy Cameron

*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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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Finding Truth”

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #749

Come! Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #749

Come! Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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:

Carter Alexander Daniels, son of Kathryn and Justin Daniels, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Carolyn Stoddard will offer the baptismal prayer.

June 7, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith