

## 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)).

Welcome to EPC's Summer Worship Schedule (through August 2nd): 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.

\***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.

**Our Summer Sermon Series will focus on Philippians 4:8:** "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." Each Sunday's sermon will hone in on one of these values.

**Baby Room (S-97) available for crying or hungry babies.** Located near the Choir Room in the sanctuary basement, the Baby Room has been set apart for parents who may need to change or feed their baby during worship. Changing tables, glider rocking chairs, a privacy screen, and live-streaming of the worship service are available in this room.

**Welcome Mary Robinson, EPC's new College Resident:** Mary Robinson has joined Eastminster's staff to shadow and learn from pastoral and programs staff, as she considers attending seminary. Please welcome Mary when you see her on campus this Summer.

\***Seniors' Edisto River Canoe Trip - St. George, SC, is on June 25th:** We will travel by bus to enjoy a ten-mile trip by canoe. The cost is \$40, and we'll depart at 9 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy. Our E2 interns, Michael Balthazor, Walker Bell, and Nicholas Beitz will accompany us. Join us!

\***Join us on Sunday, July 5th, for Breakfast and Blended Worship with The Dick Goodwin Quintet:** Breakfast is at 9 a.m. in Thompson Hall, followed by one blended service at 10:15 in the Sanctuary with patriotic music. There is no Sunday School or Jubilee Contemporary Worship Service on July 5th.

**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. If you have questions, please contact Lauren Cunningham ([lcunningham@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:lcunningham@eastminsterpres.org)) or Laura Long ([llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org)), and they will be happy to help!

**Footcare Ministry Volunteers Needed this Summer:** We meet at Christ Central Resource and Solution Center (2018 Main St.) from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. each Tuesday to wash the feet of our friends in the community who are experiencing homelessness. You can sign up via the information above. If you have questions, contact Lib Foster ([libfoster64@gmail.com](mailto:libfoster64@gmail.com)).

**Join the Weekly Weeders on alternating Thursday Mornings (8-10 am):** Help keep Eastminster's grounds beautiful while catching up with fellow weeders. Contact Sharon Derham if you can help ([derham@earthlink.net](mailto:derham@earthlink.net)).

\***Register for the Advent Retreat December 4-6, 2026, at Montreat:** Early Bird Registration will 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.

**Mark Your Calendars for Adult VBS August 2-3:** EPC welcomes Margaret Moore-Keish, Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, as guest speaker. More details to come soon.

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

## UNISON READING: Proverbs 21:2-8

<sup>2</sup>All deeds are right in the sight of the doer,  
but the LORD weighs the heart.

<sup>3</sup>To do righteousness and justice  
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

<sup>4</sup>Haughty eyes and a proud heart—  
the lamp of the wicked—are sin.

<sup>5</sup>The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,  
but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.

<sup>6</sup>The getting of treasures by a lying tongue  
is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.

<sup>7</sup>The violence of the wicked will sweep them away,  
because they refuse to do what is just.

<sup>8</sup>The way of the guilty is crooked,  
but the conduct of the pure is right.

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** MARY FRANCES JOWERS AND STEPHEN ROSS  
**HEAD USHER:** SCOT SEIGLER

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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 AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2026

10:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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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

*Anything but You*

Andy Wilson

VBS Singers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

Leader:: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit with in us.

People: **Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.

All: **We praise you, O God, for your goodness and your grace!**

From Psalm 51:10-12

## †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FATIH (Unison)

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9

**\*\*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

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (From Psalm 51:1-3) Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd  
**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Know our confessions, O Lord, as we lift them now in silence...**

## 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 #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

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

*A Prayer for Humility*

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more. Give us humble hearts to praise you and list'ning ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore You and we bring this prayer before you: Create in us humble hearts. When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again. Amen.

## \*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

Julie Hudson

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, Matthew 5:8

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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

“Pure Goodness”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #824

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

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## \*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.

**June 28, 2026**

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall