

## 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.

**Baby Room (S-97) is 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.

**\*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. If you miss a class, you can watch the recording via the website. Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and go to the RESOURCES tab at the top. Select "Adult Summer Sunday School Video" and you can scroll to the class you missed.

**Podcasts of Summer Sermons Are Also Available on the Homepage of the Website:** by Tuesday of the following week under the RESOURCES tab at the top. Just select "Eastminster Podcast" from the drop-down menu to find a sermon you missed. A standing link is also available at the bottom of Thursday's ENews under "Resources."

**Today is Peanut Butter Sunday:** Thank you for your donations each fourth Sunday to help combat food insecurity in our community. Donations can be placed in one of the Harvest Hope bins around campus.

**\*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.

**\*Seniors' Ministry Tour of the SC Statehouse is July 9th:** We'll leave by bus at 10 a.m. The tour is free. Just bring money for lunch at The Green Olive on Main St. We will be back to EPC by 2 p.m. RSVP today to reserve your spot on the bus.

**Footcare Ministry Volunteers Needed this Summer:** Our next meeting is at Christ Central Resource and Solution Center (2018 Main St.) from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14th. We do not meet on June 30th or July 7th. You can sign up via the Missions Ministry tab on our website. If you have questions, contact Lib Foster ([libfoster64@gmail.com](mailto:libfoster64@gmail.com)). And thank you to our newest volunteers!

**The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for July 12, 2026** immediately following the 10:15 am service to vote on the Officer Nominating Committee report for the Election of Deacons (Lyndey Bryant, Chachere Freeman, Linda Gillespie, Sazy Johnson, Jordan Kay, John Sloan, Heather Stallworth, Charles Stuart, Sara Weathers and Kristin Williamson) and Elders (Martha Casto, Bobby Curtis, Robbie Foster, Kim Leighton, Andy Lowrey, Betsy McDonald, Bryant McGowan, Hampton Oliver, David Parker and Kelley Woody) for the Class of 2029, and pastors' Terms of Call, and any other items.

**\*Register for the Advent Retreat December 4-6, 2026, at Montreat:** 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. Early Bird Registration closes on September 1st, but rooms are filling quickly.

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

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

## UNISON READING: Matthew 3:16-17

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

## SERMON NOTES

**DEACONS:** ROBERT SIMMONS AND CHARLOTTE CASTLES  
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY

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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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EASTMINSTER  
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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Leader: How often do we measure ourselves by the opinions of others?

**People: Too often we seek approval that cannot satisfy.**

Leader: Yet God has already shown us His love in Jesus Christ.

**People: In Christ, we are welcomed, forgiven, and called beloved.**

Leader: Let us turn our hearts toward what is pleasing to God.

**People: And let us find our rest in the One whose love never fails.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord.**

### †\*HYMN OF ADORATION #265

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FATIH (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. 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

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**Gracious God, You know how easily we can become weighed down by the desire to please others. We confess that we often chase after approval and measure our worth by the reactions of those around us. We forget that You call us to live not for acceptance, but from the acceptance You have already given us in Christ. Forgive us when we let the voices of others speak louder than Yours. And so we confess, too, the wider brokenness within us: Our anxious striving, our hurried lives, our reluctance to trust Your grace. We confess the unkind words we have spoken, the good we have left undone, the ways we have failed to love You with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us now, O Lord, as we lift our confessions to you 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

**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

*In Times Like These*

John Carter

In times like these the love of God sustains me. In times like these my faith remains secure. I place my fears, my faults, my pain, my sorrow in His strong hands where doubt cannot endure. My life is more than trial and tribulation. My life is more because He makes it so. I hear God's voice in every song and silence. I see His love in all that's good and true. And though my heart may tremble for a moment, there is no wrong His power cannot subdue. In times like these I lean upon His promise and seek the peace of His abiding love. His kingdom comes in every act of kindness. His kingdom comes in bread and wine and grace. And though the world may set its course without Him, God will reward the one who seeks His face. In times like these, when heart and soul are tender, we find our home in God's divine embrace.

Mary Kay Beall

\*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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### \*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

Katie Evatt

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading: Matthew 3:16-17**

Scripture Focus: Galatians 1:10

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

“Who Are You Pleasing?”

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

### \*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.*

July 5, 2026

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan