

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

* For details and to register for EPC programs and events, visit [Upcoming Events](http://Upcoming%20Events%20www.eastminsterpres.org) (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.

***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 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.

June Prayer Cards can be found in our Welcome and Reception Areas: New prayer cards are available on the first Sunday of each month. Pick up a printed copy or view via our website under MINISTRIES/Care. If you know of a member or friend of EPC who needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact Kelly McGrady in the Church Office (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

Today is Communion Sunday: If you or a member you know would like to be served "In-Home Communion" on Communion Sundays, 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 contact Pastor Croskeys at croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

Welcome E2 (Eastminster Experience) Summer Interns: EPC members Michael Balthazor, Walker Bell, and Nicholas Beitz will be helping out with VBS next week, serving with our missions partners in the community, studying, visiting our senior shut-ins, and learning what it means to be the church. Say hello if you see them this Summer.

***Next Healthy Cooking Class with Sandy Spann is this Thursday, June 11th:** (CLC Room 269) at 11 a.m. The menu includes Shrimp Pasta and Kiwi Beet Arugula Salad. There is only room for 20 in the space, so please sign up soon.

***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" grey 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!

Our 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 at libfoster64@gmail.com.

***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 dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Grace Thaggard and Bryce Nussbaum.

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UNISON READING: Hebrews 13:1-8; 17-18

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ...

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

¹⁸Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JOSH LIVINGSTON AND STACY STRONG
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES

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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
Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Katie Herndon, Day School Director
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Rev. Emily M. Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rob Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
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Blythe Lewis, Senior Communications Officer
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EASTMINSTER
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rob Schoonover

Leader: We come to you, O God, to thank you for all that is honorable and good.

People: **We come to you, O Lord, mourning all that is less than you would have it be.**

Leader: We come to you, O Spirit, seeking redemption, restoration and renewal.

All: **We come to you, O Shepherd, giving thanks that you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*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. 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.

**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. Carol J. Byrd

Gracious God, you know our desire to be faithful, and our propensity to fall short. You call us to think about that which is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, and commendable. Yet, we often let our minds and our thoughts wander from your will to our wants, from your purpose to our pride, and from your glory to our gain. Forgive us, O Lord, hear our confessions in this silence and help us live in ways that honor you....

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.

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

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:6-8

*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

Josh Livingston

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Whatever Is Honorable”

*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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HYMN OF PREPARATION #515

I Come with Joy (verses 1 and 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

- I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**
- 5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto The Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #451

Open My Eyes

OPEN MY EYES

*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

Improvisation

*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?

Join us for the First Step Class, which began last Sunday. At First Step, you'll find that there are many ways to use your spiritual gifts through the ministries at EPC. Contact Katie Barthel (kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org).

June 14, 2026

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key