

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Jubilee Contemporary Worship

Sunday, July 12, 2026 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Video Announcements

The People Are Called to Worship

*Opening Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

*Song of Praise

Gratitude

Lake/Bowe/Hastings

(After the song, 3K-5K children may be dismissed to Children's Church)

*Prayer of Illumination

Dr. Carol Byrd

Scripture Lessons

Unison Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Scripture Focus: 1 John 4:7-19

Sermon

"A Life of Excellence"

Dr. Byrd

*We Affirm Our Faith

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Offering & Time of Reflection with Song

Run to the Father

Offering Prayer

Carnes/Maher/Jackson

Lucy Scoville

*Sending Song—All are invited to sing

Scandal of Grace

Crocker/Houston

*Charge and Benediction

*Response to the Benediction

*Let us rise together in body, or in Spirit, as you are able

UNISON READING: 1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

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.

Deacons serving in Worship today:
Lucy Scoville and Kris Whiteside

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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website <https://eastminsterpres.org>.

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for today: 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.

July Prayer Cards are Available in EPC Welcome Centers:

Prayers for our Middle Schoolers and Adult Leaders traveling to Charlotte today: to serve with Cross Missions at Myers Park Presbyterian. The group returns to Columbia this Friday, July 17th.

Volunteer for Footcare Ministry on Tuesdays this Summer: Our next meeting is at Christ Central Resource and Solution Center (2018 Main St.) from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. this Tuesday, July 14th. You can sign up via the Missions Ministry tab on our website. If you have questions, contact Lib Foster (libfoster64@gmail.com).

***This Thursday is Transitions Third Thursday:** Serve either lunch or dinner to our friends at Transitions. Donations of pound cakes, pasta salad, bananas and bottled water are appreciated and due to EPC's Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m.

E2 Interns are preaching next Sunday, July 19th: Michael Balthazor, Walker Bell, and Nicholas Beitz will share with us about what

they have learned and where they have seen God at work this Summer.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday: If you know of a member who would like to receive In-Home Communion, please contact Kelly McGrady (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

Kingdom Kids Splash Party is Thursday, July 23rd: Rising 4K through rising second graders and families are invited to Gills Creek Splash Pad at 4:30 p.m. for popsicles and water fun. Contact Stefanie Hammond with questions (shammond@eastminsterpres.org). No need to RSVP. Please join us!

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 through August 2nd:** 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*. If you miss a class, you can watch the recording via the website. Visit 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.

***Adult VBS with Dr. Martha Moore-Keish is on Sunday and Monday, August 2-3:** EPC welcomes Dr. Moore-Keish, J. B. Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, as our guest speaker. She will be teaching on "Confessing Christian Faith in Our Present Moment." Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Thompson Hall before the program each night from 6-7 p.m. Adult VBS is funded by the Dr. Joe Donaho Teaching Church Endowment Fund.



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