

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

* For details and to register for EPC programs and events, visit Upcoming Events (www.eastminsterpres.org).

Today is Communion Sunday. To request In-Home Communion for yourself or a loved one who is a member, contact Kelly McGrady, admin for Care Ministries in the Church Office (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

E2 Interns are Preaching this Morning: in both worship services. 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.

Prayer Cards are Available in EPC Welcome Centers: If you know of a member or friend of Eastminster who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Kelly McGrady at the email above.

Volunteer for Footcare Ministry on Tuesdays this Summer: We meet at Christ Central Resource and Solution Center (2018 Main St.) from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. You can sign up via the Missions Ministry tab on our website. If you have questions, contact Lib Foster (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).

Club 345 Movie Field Trip is this Wednesday, July 22nd: for rising third, fourth and fifth graders. Parents, please RSVP to ensure that your child has a ticket. See emails from Ms. Stefanie and Pastor Croskeys for all details.

Kingdom Kids Splash Party is this 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!

***Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Update August 9th, 16th, and 23rd:** Dr. Douglass Key’s 9 a.m. book study on C.S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters* ends on August 2 (ARH). On August 9th, a three-week study, “The Bible Makes Sense: Strategies for Interpreting the Bible,” will follow for all adults at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall. This study will prepare us for Fall faith formation related to our theme for the year.

***Adult VBS with Dr. Martha Moore-Keish is on Sunday and Monday, August 2nd-3rd:** 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.

EPC’s Fall Worship Schedule Begins on Sunday, August 9th: when we’ll return to three worship services. Traditional Worship returns to 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. start times in the sanctuary, with Jubilee Contemporary Worship also beginning at 11:15 a.m. in Thompson Hall. Mark your calendars and join us.

***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.

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.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by an Eastminster family.

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UNISON READING: 1 Corinthians 12:14-18

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: LISA NEWMAN AND TAYLOR WRAY
HEAD USHER: DON HELMS

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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EASTMINSTER
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 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
Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness G. P. Telemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.
People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
All: Let us worship God!

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #826
Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Unison)*
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. ⁹ 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** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, we confess that we do not always live as your chosen people. We know that we were created in your image, but we fail to use our gifts in ways that honor your presence within us and build your kingdom. We say that we put our trust in you, but are hesitant to pray when we need you. We hear your call to reach out to those in need, but we are too comfortable to move. Forgive us, O God, and help to become the people you created us to be. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

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
In the Beauty of Your Holiness Cindy Berry
Lord, You alone are holy, in rev’rence I bow to You. Lord, You alone are worthy of praise and honor true. I glory in Your matchless Name; I lift my voice in song. You are holy, worthy, God, most worthy God. In the beauty of your holiness, I come to You, Your name to bless. In the beauty of Your holiness, I come to worship You. Lord, You alone are mighty, maker of sky and sea. Lord, You alone are Savior whose blood has set me free. Creator of the universe, Redeemer of my soul, You are Savior, mighty God. Someday soon I’ll see You in all Your glory. Ev’ry knee shall now, ev’ry tongue confess, "You are Lord.” I bow to worship You. 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** Lisa Newman

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
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Leader: The Word of the LORD!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGES - E2 Interns
Walker Bell: “Every Member Matters” 2 Corinthians 12:9
Nicholas Beitz: “Chase God” Matthew 6:31-33
Michael Balthazor: “God’s Plan” Jeremiah 29:11

Hymn of Preparation #507
Come to the Table of Grace TABLE OF GRACE
1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God’s table; it’s not your or mine. Come to the table of grace.
3. Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
4. Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope. This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

*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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AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #623**
I’ve Got Peace Like a River PEACE LIKE A RIVER

***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 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.

July 26, 2026
Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key