

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*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. Learn about “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. Dr. Moore Keish will preach at the Sunday morning worship services.

Next Sunday, August 2nd, is the last Sunday of our Summer Worship Schedule.

*Scotland Reformation Journey Travelers Meeting is today: from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Gray Music Room (under the Sanctuary). Dr. Carol Byrd continues the Scotland preparation series, providing historical and theological context to familiarize travelers with the significance of sites they will visit. The next meeting is on August 16th.

The Elliotts’ Young Adult Sunday School Class Gathering is this Thursday, July 30th at 5:15 pm: Mary Kate and JD, class leaders, are hosting a get together for anyone interested. The class is couples and singles (late 20s and 30s), some with young children, who prefer a discussion-based class format. Stop by the Elliotts’ (3116 Kline St. 29205) to learn more! Please RSVP to Mary Kate (marykatedurham2@gmail.com).

*Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Update August 9th, 16th, and 23rd: Dr. Douglass Key’s 9 a.m. book study on C.S. Lewis’s *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 new theme for the year.

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.

*Blessing of the Backpacks Peace Service is August 16th, at 4 p.m. (Thompson Hall): Students and their families are invited for a worship service with special blessings for a safe and excellent 2026-2027 school year. An offering of school supplies will be collected during worship. Don’t forget to bring your backpacks!

EAA (Eastminster Arts Academy) Fall Lessons begin August 17th: Visit the EAA page on our website to see offerings, sign-up and make payments. Voice, piano, guitar, and various strings will be offered in 2026-27. We are excited to begin our second year.

Minivan Needed for the Sadats, a Refugee Family supported by EPC: Mr. Sadat worked to assist the U. S. military in Afghanistan before being forced to leave during the fall of Kabul. The Sadats have eight children and are recently in need of a minivan that seats seven to eight people. If you have a vehicle that you would like to sell or donate, please contact John McArthur (803) 629-8566.

*Eastminster Missions Night is Wednesday, August 19th: “Come and See: The Mission Table.” Hear from Eastminster’s Missions leaders/volunteers and MSB’s community partners. Learn what’s new at EPC Missions, and more about the many opportunities for you to serve all year. Save the date and plan to join us in Thompson Hall for this free dinner (5:30 - 6:45 p.m.). Look for a registration link soon. Childcare is available (Nursery-3rd grade) at the CLC.

*Healthy Cooking with Sandy Spann on August 20th at 11 a.m. (CLC room 269): Learn how to prepare delicious sea bass and a Mediterranean-inspired side and tips for healthy, flavorful cooking. This demonstration is free, but space is limited (20 participants).

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

UNISON READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not act deceitfully,”
and he became their savior
⁹ in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: KRIS WHITESIDE AND SALLIE JAMESON
HEAD USHER: WILSON MCDONALD

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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EASTMINSTER
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 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 worshiping 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
Joyful Noise Ellie Holcomb and Nathan Dugger
Eastminster Summer Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. W. Croskeys Royall
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Let every tongue confess the good news:
People: Jesus Christ is worthy of praise!
All: Let us worship God.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION #720
Jesus Calls Us GALILEE

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (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. Carol J. Byrd
God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We promise to serve you, then we fail to do your will. We pretend to follow you, then we go our own way. Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; as we open our hearts before you now in this 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
Think on These Things David N. Childs
The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall protect your hearts and minds in Christ our Savior. Therefore, my people, be steadfast in the Lord. Concern yourselves not for anything and fear no evil. But in everything by prayer and thanksgiving let your hearts be known to God. What you know to be true; What you know to be pure and just; What you know to be full of love, and what you know to be joyful. If there be any virtue; if there be any praise, think on these things. Jesus be with you all, now and forever. Amen.
Paraphrased from Philippians

***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

*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

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
“Think and Do”

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #442**
Just As I Am WOODWORTH

***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.

August 2, 2026
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