

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)).

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.

July 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 (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org).

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 will Return Next Sunday:** 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 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."

***Seniors' Ministry Tour of the SC Statehouse is this Thursday, 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 will not meet on July 7th. You can sign up via the Missions Ministry tab on our website. If you have questions, contact Lib Foster (libfoster64@gmail.com). And thank you to our newest volunteers!

E2 Interns Preaching on July 19th (Peanut Butter Sunday): 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.

***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.

***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 6:00 p.m. in Thompson Hall before the program each night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult VBS is funded by the Dr. Joe Donaho Teaching Church Endowment Fund.

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

UNISON READING: 1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: LUCY SCOVILLE AND PARKER SIZEMORE
HEAD USHER: BILL COGGINS

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026

10:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

803-256-1654

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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

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #338

America the Beautiful MATERNA

1. O beautiful for spacious skies for amber waves of grain; For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise, his greatness no one can fathom.

People: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

ALL: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.
(from Psalm 145)

†*HYMNS OF ADORATION

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright, and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Soon and Very Soon #384 (verse 1)

SOON AND VERY SOON

To God Be the Glory #634 (verse 1)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FATIH (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

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet, we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, filling our lives with whims that distract us from you. We hoard possessions, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive our unwillingness to give of ourselves, from the abundance that you have blessed us with. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

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 #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Smith

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

I Love You Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

*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.

*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

*OFFICER'S PRAYER

Kit Pound

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-5

Scripture Focus: Matthew 25:14-30

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Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“A Commendable Life”

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #839

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 12, 2026

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd