

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Jubilee Contemporary Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2026 11:15 am

Gathering Music

Video Announcements

The People Are Called to Worship

Rev. Rob Schoonover

*Opening Song

Unclouded Day

Josiah Kelley Alwood

*Song of Praise

Sweet By and By

Chapman/Webster/Bennett

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

*Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Unison Reading: Genesis 3:1-7

Scripture Focus: Matthew 3:13-4:11

Sermon

Dr. Brad Smith

The Uniqueness of Jesus #3 of 5: "Would You Make that Trade?"

*We Affirm Our Faith

Dr. Douglass Key

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Passing of the Peace

Offering & Time of Reflection with Song

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Offering Prayer

Aerts/Black/Harding

Matt Riddle

*Sending Song—All are invited to sing

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Hoffman/Showalter

*Charge and Benediction

*Response to the Benediction

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

UNISON READING: Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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:
Matt Riddle and Austin Rhodes

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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/>.

Adult Sunday School classes will resume in breakout classrooms next Sunday, August 30th, or as determined one-off by class leaders.

Today is Communion Sunday and Peanut Butter Sunday. Thank you to all who donate peanut butter each fourth Sunday to help fight food insecurity in The Midlands.

Join us for a Congregational Meal Today in the Gym after 11:15 a.m. worship: Catch up with friends after the Summer break: MENU: BBQ Pork, Brisket, Mac&Cheese, Fried Okra, Succotash, Hush Puppies, and Desserts.

***Kingdom Kids and Club 345 Kickoff is TONIGHT:** from 5-6:30 p.m. See emails from Mrs. Stefanie for details and sign-up forms, or visit the Children's Ministry page on our website.

***Cancer Care Support Meeting is this Wednesday, August 26th, at 6 p.m.** (Room E-351) for those affected by cancer. If you are seeking a safe place to share with others who may be experiencing something similar, please join us! Cancer Care is led by Rev. Emily Mooneyhan. No need to sign up, just join us.

***This weekend, we'll welcome Rev. Dr. John McCall and 18 Taiwanese Pastors:** Saturday p.m. all are invited to fellowship and Potluck Dinner "Cultural Night." RSVP via the link under Upcoming Events or in your ENews- and bring a side, or RSVP and join us anyway! Dr. McCall will preach on Sunday, August 30th on "The Uniqueness of Jesus."

All Youth Parent and Youth Meeting is Next Sunday at 10 a.m. (CLC Third Floor): Join Pastor Rob and Emily Higgins to hear about Fall programming, upcoming trips, and faith formation.

September 6th we'll have two Contemporary Services in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Join us for brunch at 10 a.m. in Thompson

Hall. Out-of-town guests are welcome.

***Return to Serve- Upcoming Mission Trips:** Western NC (Oct.29-Nov.1) and Adult Bahamas Trip (Jan.16-23). We'll continue to repair hurricane damage for friends in both communities! Space is limited. Sign up now.

***Bradley Lunch Buddies Volunteers Needed:** for two Tuesdays a month from 12:30-1:15 p.m. at Bradley Elementary School. We'll pair you with a fourth grader for lunch, followed by around 30 minutes of reading with your buddy. Sign up by August 31st by contacting John McArthur (803) 629-8566. Our tentative kickoff is Tuesday, September 15th.

***Interested in joining a Small Group this September?** Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org or 803-256-1654, ext. 124, for details and options. The Small Group (SG) Facilitators' Workshop and SG Kickoff Dinner are August 26th and September 9th, respectively. RSVP via eastminsterpres.org under Upcoming Events.

***Sundays@5 Adult Bible Study on the Gospel of John:** starts on September 13th, in the Gray Music Room. Our study, led by Dr. Douglass Key, will cover the first eleven chapters of John, starting with an invitation to "Come and See." You can now register.

***WE@EPC Church-wide Book Study-Jesus Changes Everything by Stanley Hauerwas** begins September 16th (6 p.m.): in the Adult Reception Hall. Dr. Douglass Key will lead our study as we discern what God wants and hopes for us, as well as what is required of us on the journey.

***WE@EPC Adult Study, The Gift of Empathy, by Joel Bretscher and Kenneth Haugk** begins on September 16th (6 p.m. parlor) with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan and EPC Stephen Ministers- Apply empathy in everyday life. We'll share and learn through informal discussions. Books available at sign-up but not required.



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