

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Kingdom Kids and Club 345 meet tonight from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids drop off in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop off in Room 256 of the Education Building. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help!

Labor Day Sunday is September 6th, with 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. (No Sunday School) Childcare available (nursery - three's) during brunch. Regular childcare available (and Children's Church) during worship.

September is "Socks in a Box Month"- ACCESS and MSB are teaming up again this Fall to collect new black or white socks (crew or footies) for men and women. Donations will go to Footcare Ministry. Find a Socks in a Box bin in our reception areas.

*Interested in joining a Small Group this September? The Small Group Kickoff Dinner is September 9th with Rev. Amos Disasa. RSVP via eastminsterpres.org under Upcoming Events.

*"Brick Builders" Co-ed Lego Club starts Thursday, September 10th at the CLC: for kids ages eight through sixteen. We'll meet for ten Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. on the third floor. Lego donations are appreciated; bins will be in the lobby for drop-offs. There is no cost to participate, but you need to register.

*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.

*Join us for WE@EPC Meals in Thompson Hall beginning Wednesday, September 16th: Visit Upcoming Events to view the Fall Menu and RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Pay online or at the door (cash or check).

*WE@EPC Church-wide Book Study-Jesus Changes Everything by Stanley Hauerwas: begins September 16th (6 p.m.). Dr. Douglass Key will lead us as we discern what God wants for us, as well as what is required of us. Through negotiations with the publisher, books are available at no cost to EPC families (one per family) as you exit worship today.

*WE@EPC Adult Study The Gift of Empathy, by Joel Bretscher and Kenneth Haugk: also 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.

Join the "Joyful Noise" Choir on September 24th, in the Adult Reception Hall at 5:45 p.m.: Enjoy fellowship and sing familiar hymns with us! All voices welcome.

EPW's Fall Gathering is Tuesday, September 29th, in Thompson Hall at 11:30 a.m.: All EPC ladies are invited to join us as we reconnect to hear plans for the program year over a delicious lunch. Our Keynote Speaker is author Cathy Rigg, also a PW! Save the date and plan to join us

*Western North Carolina Mission Trip: October 29-November 1st. Long weekend mission trip in Black Mountain, NC, doing home repairs after Hurricane Helene. The Sign Up is live on the website and limited to 25 spots. Come and serve with us!

*Bahamas Adult Mission Trip: January 16-23, 2027. This is an amazing experience in Abacos! Return to serve with us as we continue rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Dorian. We'll partner with local missionaries. Come and see what God is doing in the Bahamas!

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

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FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
... ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

SERMON NOTES

WELCOME TAIWANESE PASTORS TO EASTMINSTER

Friend and Presbyterian missionary Rev. John McCall will be in the area through early September with 18 Presbyterian ministers who serve across Taiwan. They are in Columbia this weekend to experience a Christian church in an American setting, as part of an experience that also includes time in Montreat to reflect on their relationship with God, their families, and their ministries.

Today our adult Sunday school classes will join together in the Adult Reception Hall (10-11 am), to hear about their lives and ministry in Taiwan.

DEACONS: KATHLEEN MUTHIG AND STEPHEN ROSS
HEAD USHERS: RUSS PURDY (9:00 AM) BILL STALLINGS (11:15 am)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

STAFF

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor	Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, Associate Pastor
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026
11:15 AM

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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 Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CONGREGATIONAL SONG
He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands Traditional

†***HYMN OF ADORATION #305**
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy DARWALL’S 148TH

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

****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 and song by Taiwanese pastors**
Rev. Dr. John McCall
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *(Unison)*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
O Lord, our Rock, you give strength to the feeble, hope to the discouraged, and perspective to the wayward. We praise your holy name in worship, yet we build walls that separate us from you, from one another, from the world, and even from ourselves. Forgive us, O Redeemer, our insensitivity to your will and our reluctance to follow you. Accept our confessions in this time of silence, and help us turn afresh to you

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 #442
Just As I Am WOODWORTH
Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come.

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
For All Who Craft Their Word with Skill Karen Marrolli
For all who craft their words with skill to make your story heard, For those who study, write, and preach: we thank you, Christ our Word. And we rejoice in those whose speech extends the Spirit’s breath to build a shelter for the lost and summon life from death. For all who host the holy meals to keep the faithful fed, For those who bless and break and share: we thank you, Christ our Bread. And we rejoice in those whose feasts defy each fence and wall, where hunger is the only fee and room is made for all. For all who lead your hymns of praise to make weak voices strong, For those who practice, tune and sing we thank you, Christ our Song. And we rejoice in those whose ears are trained by love and care to help all find their note of hope in seasons of despair. For all who live the words they preach, and practice what they sing, For all whose lives are raised to you, a living offering. For all who hear your holy call and will not be deterred, We thank you Christ, the source of live: our Song, our Bread, our Word.
Ariel Collins, flute

***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** Marion Moses

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27 Page 163
Scripture Focus: John 1:14 Page 86

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. John McCall
The Uniqueness of Jesus #4 of 5:
“Come and See Christ in the Body of Christ, the Church”

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Elder Scott Verzyl and Deacon Katie Alice Walker
Constitutional Questions
Laying on of Hands
Prayer of Installation
Charge and Welcome

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #441**
Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

***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.

September 6, 2026
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall
John 2
The Uniqueness of Jesus #5 of 5: “Fine Wine and Big Trouble”