

Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
*Jubilee Contemporary Worship*

Sunday, September 20, 2026 11:15 am

Gathering Music

Video Announcements

The People Are Called to Worship

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

\*Opening Song

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

Charles H. Gabriel

\*Song of Praise

*Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

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

\*Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Unison Reading: 36:24-28 (The Message)  
Scripture Focus: John 3:1-17

Sermon

"This Is My Story, This Is My Song"

Rev. Dr. Brad Smith

\*We Affirm Our Faith

Dr. Carol Byrd

\*Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering & Time of Reflection with Song

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Offering Prayer

Isaac Watts  
Eleanor Boyd

\*Sending Song—All are invited to sing  
*Jesus Strong and Kind*

Buchanan/Farren/Robinson/Thompson

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response to the Benediction

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

UNISON READING: 36:24-28 (The Message)

“For here’s what I’m going to do: I’m going to take you out of these countries, gather you from all over, and bring you back to your own land. I’ll pour pure water over you and scrub you clean. I’ll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I’ll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that’s God-willed, not self-willed. I’ll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands. You’ll once again live in the land I gave your ancestors. You’ll be my people! I’ll be your God!.

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:  
Lucy Scoville and Robert Simmons

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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/>.

**A Baby Room (\$-97) for crying or hungry babies** is available in the sanctuary basement. The space has been set apart for parents who may need to change or feed their baby during worship. A changing table and rocking chairs are available; the worship service is online.

**\*Sundays@5 Adult Bible Study** on the Gospel of John: meets 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."

**Kingdom Kids and Club 345 meet tonight** from 5 - 6:30 p.m.: Kingdom Kids drop off is in Thompson Hall (TH). Club 345 drop off in Room 256 of the Education Building. Contact Mrs. Stefanie to help and don't forget to order a t-shirt- deadline to order is September 26th!

**\*Join us for WE@EPC Meals in Thompson Hall** this Fall: Visit Upcoming Events to view the menu and RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Pay online or at the door (cash or check). Pricing: ages 0-8: \$4, ages 9 and older: \$8- There is no household cap.

**\*WE@EPC Church-wide Book Study-***Jesus Changes Everything* by Stanley Hauerwas: on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., led by Dr. Douglass Key. Contact Janice Blair to pick up a copy ([jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org)).

**\*WE@EPC Adult Study, *The Gift of Empathy***, by Joel Bretscher and Kenneth Haugk: on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan and EPC Stephen Ministers. We'll share and learn through informal discussions. Books available at sign-up but not required.

**\*Healthy Cooking with Sandy Spann** is on September 24th at the CLC: Dr. March Seabrook will also speak about the health benefits of plant-based cooking. 20 spots are available; cost is \$5.00.

**\*Youth Basketball Registration is open** through October 7th for Second - Twelfth Graders. Scan the QR code on our flat screens around campus, or visit our website to register.

**"Joyful Noise" gathers this Thursday**, in the Adult Reception Hall at 5:45 p.m.: for anyone who loves to sing. Enjoy an informal hour of fellowship and singing. We'll practice familiar hymns! All voices are welcome.

**"Come Find Rest" Concert is this Saturday**, September 26th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: We'll welcome guests from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) to our campus for a weekend centered on music connection and rest. Invite a friend, and join us for this collaborative hymn singing opportunity.

**\*First Step Class begins September 27th:** Looking for a church home? Join us in the Adult Reception Hall during the Sunday School hour (10 a.m.) to meet our pastoral staff and learn more about EPC ministries. First Step meets through October 25th, when those wishing to join our church family will do so at the 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Questions? Contact Katie Barthel ([kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kbarthel@eastminsterpres.org)).

**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, Oliver Gospel Mission, and Transitions. Find a Socks in a Box bin in our reception areas.

\*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! The meal is \$10.

**\*Return to Serve- Western North Carolina** Oct. 29-Nov. 1, and Bahamas Jan. 16-23 Adult Trips: repairing homes and buildings after Hurricane damage. Sign-Ups are live on the website.



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