

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A Baby Room (S-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.

Today is Communion Sunday: If you would like to receive In-Home Communion on future Communion Sundays, please contact Kelly McGrady with Care Ministries (kmcgrady@eastminsterpres.org) or 256-1654 ext. 123). Today is All Saints Sunday (Sanctuary Worship): when we honor members who have joined The Church Triumphant over the past year. Today is AC Flora “Falcon Sunday” during Jubilee Contemporary Worship (TH): Join us in support and celebration of EPC’s Falcon Football Ministry. Be sure to welcome team members and families.

Registration for the Advent Retreat ends today: Rev. Ernie Thompson will lead our time together. It is always a meaningful, relaxing time of fellowship and faith formation at Montreat. Join us!

A special “She Sings” Concert is Today at 4 p.m. at Trenholm Road UMC: in loving memory of She Sings’ Co-founder, Paula Wilson. Proceeds will go to Epworth Home. All are welcome. Bring a friend and join us.

*Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes: Pick up a shoebox at the OCC tables. Fill it with gifts for a boy or a girl (due back to Eastminster by Sunday, November 22nd).

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2027: To pledge online, visit www.eastminsterpres.org, and click on the blue PLEDGE button at the top right. You may also fill out a pledge card and place it in the offering.

*Sundays@5 Gospel of John: with Dr. Douglass Key continues tonight in the Gray Music Room.

Kingdom Kids and Club 345 Resume: tonight at 5 p.m. Parents, we appreciate extra hands on Sunday nights. If you can volunteer, please contact Mrs. Stefanie (shammond@eastminsterpres.org).

*Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is this Tuesday, November 3rd: (7-9 p.m.). We welcome empty nesters, retirees, and adults who find themselves with a little more time to reconnect. RSVP and sign up to bring a side or dessert. We’ll meet at Clarissa & Jeff Adams’ home (1623 Milford Road). Beth and Hampton Oliver are co-hosting. Bring a canned good for Harvest Hope.

*Join us for WE@EPC Meals in Thompson Hall: 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.

*Eastminster LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) Moms’ Social is this Thursday, November 5th: at the Liggitt’s (7-9 p.m.). If you have a child who is neurodivergent, has a learning difference, or any other disability, this group is for you! Invite a friend who may benefit & RSVP (Laura Twitty laura.twitty@gmail.com).

*EPW’s Thanksgiving Centerpiece Arrangement Workshop is on November 17th (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.): in Thompson Hall. Meredith Williams will lead us through the creative process. There are 30 spots, and the cost is \$50 (due by 10.31). A temporary container will be provided, or you may bring a favorite from home.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on November 15th: after 9:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary, to hear and act on the recommendation from Session on the acquisition of the NorthStar Center of Hope property on Sunnyside Dr.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by an Eastminster family.

Plledge Status Report as of October 26, 2026

Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet done so, please give us an estimate of your giving to support Christ’s workthrough Eastminster in 2027.

125

Pledges increased

43

Pledges with no change

10

Pledges decreased

23

New Pledes

For a total of 201 pledges totaling \$2,729,278

256 pledges were made for 2026 but not yet for 2027

For detailed information and to register for the above programs and events, visit our webiste: <https://eastminsterpres.org/>, scroll to “Upcoming Events”

UNISON READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

SERMON NOTES

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.

November 8, 2026
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

DEACONS: MATT RIDDLE AND LISA NEWMAN
HEAD USHERS: RYAN BARNES (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (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
Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor	Rev. Robert Schoonover, Associate Pastor
Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry	Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate
Louis Shirer, Organist	Dr. Augie Gil, Director of Worship & Arts
Alisha Hudson, Ex. Dir. Finance and Admin	Emily Higgins, Director of Middle School Youth
Blythe Lewis, Sr. Communications Officer	Katie Herndon, Day School Director
Emmet Hough, Director of Christian Life Center	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
James Cassidy, A/V Director	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups Dir./Librarian



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 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 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
In Paradisium from *Requiem* Gabriel Fauré/Marcel Dupré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
Leader: Fling wide the temple gates!
People: Open up the ancient doors!
Leader: The mighty and glorious one is coming.
People: Who is this mighty and glorious one?
Leader: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.
All: Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

†***GATHERING SONG #326**
For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***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.

****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. Emily Mooneyhan *(9:00 am)*
Mary Robinson *(11:15 am)*

Faithful God, you have given us a rich and godly heritage, through the sure testimony and holy example of our mothers and fathers in the faith. But we let the light of our faith grow dim; we stray from the paths they commend to us. Forgive us, and renew us by your Holy Spirit. Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith, that, like those who have gone before us, our words and deeds would mightily declare the good news of salvation, given to all in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear now our silent personal confession we lift up to you...vision, even in this time of silent prayer...

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
Thou, O Lord Lisa Ireland

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
Alleluia Elaine Hagenberg
All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.
St Augustine (354-430)

***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** Matt Riddle

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd
“Our Life-giving God”

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Leader: For all those whom we have loved and lost for a time,
People: We give you thanks and praise!
Leader: For the One into Whose care and keeping we entrust our precious loved ones,
People: We give you thanks and praise, O God!
Leader: Especially for those whose names we now lift before you:
Hear their names and help us remember...
James H. Johnson, Jr., November 8, 2025 We Thank You O God
Joseph D. Miot, III, December 3, 2025 We Thank You O God
Mary Sadler Norris, December 28, 2025 We Thank You O God
Jeffrey Craig Freeman, Sr., January , 2026 We Thank You O God
Samuel Crawley Agee, January 9, 2026 We Thank You O God
Elrae Dutton Poucher, February 26, 2026 We Thank You O God
Butler Dean Wood, March 8, 2026 We Thank You O God

William Happy Hays, March 29, 2026 We Thank You O God
Nancy Townsend Carpenter, April 27, 2026 We Thank You O God
Martha Dinwiddie Mason, May 16, 2026 We Thank You O God
Carey Morgan Shackelford, May 18, 2026 We Thank You O God
Nancy Deone Bymaster, June 10, 2026 We Thank You O God
Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr., June 16, 2026 We Thank You O God
William Joseph Keenan, II, June 21, 2026 We Thank You O God
Mary Moore McNair, June 27, 2026 We Thank You O God
Thomas S. Arledge, July 13, 2026 We Thank You O God
Lloyd Kennedy Boggs, October 4, 2026 We Thank You O God
God, help us to remember. Help us to remember all those who came before us, all those who are no longer with us. Help us to remember them not only with grief but also with joy, for they have now gone to join You.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #824
There Is a Place of Quiet Rest MC AFEE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation to the Table of the Lord
The Sursum Corda
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto The Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer
The Words of Institution
Communion of the People

CHORAL MEDITATION
Set Me as a Seal Renee Claussen
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Song of Solomon 8:6-7

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #250**
In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #80**
You Shall Go Out With Joy THE TREES OF THE FIELD
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; ** the trees of the field will clap their hands; **, the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

POSTLUDE

***A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP**