

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.

*Sundays@5 Adult Bible Study is on the Gospel of John: 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.” Register online and join us.

We Welcome Kingdom Kids who are serving as worship leaders at the 9 am service this morning Directed by Stefanie Hammond and accompanied by Lin Zhong, Kingdom Kids is part of our Sunday evening children’s ministries. Kingdom Kids and Club 345 meet tonight from 5 to 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!

*EPW Bible Study: “Honey in the Bible” meets for two more Tuesdays: at 10 a.m. in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH). Susan Owen will continue our study on October 20th, and 27th. Join us as we explore the significance of honey throughout Scripture. Please register so we can plan for seating.

*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.

Dedication Sunday is October 25th: On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, you are invited to a celebration of thanks in the Courtyard at 12:30 p.m. Plan to join us for fellowship and refreshments accompanied by bagpipe music.

As a part of Reformation Sunday on October 25, we celebrate with the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans. To participate in the Kirkin Processional during traditional worship, contact Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

*Fall Fest is October 25th on the Field from 3-5 p.m.: Wear your costumes and join us for fellowship! Enjoy popcorn, hotdogs and other snacks. The popular cake walk is also back, along with craft areas. Look for details from Pastor Croskeys

Our Seniors’ Ministry Fall Social is October 26th, from 3-4:30 p.m. (ARH): We’ll gather for fellowship and enjoy autumn treats and refreshments. We hope you’ll join us.

All Saints Sunday is November 1st, when we will celebrate Communion and honor members who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past year.

AC Flora “Falcon Sunday” is November 1st 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.

The next “She Sings” Concert is November 1st, at 4 p.m. (Sanctuary): in loving memory of She Sings’ Co-founder, Paula Wilson. Donations will go to Epworth Children’s Home. All are welcome.

Registration for the Advent Retreat closes on Sunday, November 1st.

*Lightly Seasoned Fall Social is 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.

*The EPW Vine Retreat is January 29-31, 2027, at The Cove: All Presbyterian women are invited for a weekend of fellowship and faith formation. Our speaker is Rev. Julie Bailey (Columbia Seminary). \$200 is due on November 13th with the balance due on December 18th. Contact jblair@eastminster.com with any questions, and make your plans to attend!

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the baptism of Nora Ann Beckwith by her parents, her grandparents and great grandparents.

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UNISON READING: Mark 12:41-44

41 He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: DARREN KNIGHT AND AUSTIN RHODES
HEAD USHERS: DON HELMS (9:00 AM) BILL COGGINS (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-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 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
Festive Gloria Aaron David Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Rob Schoonover
Leader: Lord, open our hearts, so that we will be open to you.
People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you through your Word.
Leader: Lord, open our spirits, so that we will be transformed by your great love.
People: Lord, help us respond by following you in word and deed.
Leader: Lord, open our hands, so that they may be your hands.
All: Let us worship the Lord our God, who with Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit reigns now and forever.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION
9:00 am Praise Him, Praise, Him TRADITIONAL
#761 Called As Partners in Christ’s Service Kingdom Kids BEECHER

***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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Nora Ann Beckwith *(9:00 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188
Jesus Loves Me! JESUS LOVES ME

****TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Rev. W. Croskeys Royall
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We confess, Lord God, that we are quick to excuse ourselves from opening our hearts and hands to you. We take your words – that there will always be poor people among us—as justification for complacency and selfishness. Forgive us, and help us be open to your transforming love. Awaken in us a passion to live as faithful followers and disciples of Jesus, so that we might dare to live in the alternative and alluring way of Jesus the Christ, even here and even now. Lord, hear our prayers in this silence...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON
9:00 am Trust in the Lord Ruth Elaine Schram
11:15 am Thou, O Lord Lisa Ireland

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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
9:00 am I See God Tom T. Shelton
11:15 am I Will Wait for You Getty/Townend, arr. Victor Johnson
Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call; incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord. Were you to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze; I stand redeemed by grace alone. I will wait for You; on Your word I will rely. I will wait for you till my soul be satisfied. So put your hope in God alone. Take courage in His pow’r to save. Completely and forever won by Christ’s emerging from the grave. He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price, that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.

***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** Darren Knight

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Radical Devotion”

COMMISSIONING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS (11:15 AM)
People: Thank you, brothers and sisters, for giving of yourselves to bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbors in North Carolina.
Missionaries: Thank you, Eastminster family, for supporting us through your tithes and offerings, your prayers and encouragement.
People: May the Holy Spirit fill you with energy, intelligence, and love as you serve there.
Missionaries: And may the same Spirit fill each of you as you give of your selves to bear witness in all you do here in Columbia.
All: Thanks be to God, and to Jesus Christ his Son, who invites us to find our lives by giving our lives to him. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #700**
I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I’M GONNA LIVE

***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
Toccata in Seven John Rutter

***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 First Step class which began September 27.

DURING THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP:
Nora Ann Beckwith, daughter of Kip and Catherine Beckwith, will receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:15 am service. Terrell Herring, paternal uncle, will offer the baptismal prayer.

October 25, 2026
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Luke 10
“Radical Neighboring”