

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 World Communion Sunday. Please join us for worship as we celebrate Holy Communion with believers around the world!

Prayer Cards are available in EPC Welcome Centers: If you know of a member or friend of Eastminster who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Kelly McGrady (kmc-grady@eastminsterpres.org)

*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.

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

*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. We will discern what God wants for us, as well as what is required of us. Through negotiations with the publisher, books are available free to EPC families (one per family). Contact Janice Blair if you need to pick up a copy (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

*Our 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. Apply empathy in everyday life. We’ll share and learn through informal discussions. Books available at sign-up but not required.

*Youth Basketball Registration is Open through October 7th for Second - Twelfth Graders: Scan the QR code on our flat screens around campus, or register online.

*EPW Circles One and Three Reconnect on Monday, October 12, at 10 a.m. in Thompson Hall. Members are invited to gather again for fellowship and conversation as the circles begin their fall meetings. New and returning participants are welcome.

*EPW Bible Study: “Honey in the Bible” begins Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. in the Adult Reception Hall. Susan Owen will lead this three-week study, meeting October 13, 20, and 27. Join us as we explore the significance of honey throughout Scripture. Please register through Upcoming Events so we can plan for seating.

*Give the Gift of Life at Eastminster’s Blood Drive on Thursday, October 15, from 1-5 p.m. in the CLC parking lot. The Blood Connection Bloodmobile will be on site. To make an appointment, visit Upcoming Events or scan the QR code on the flat screens around campus. Sponsor Code: 13080.

Dedication Sunday is October 25: On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, you are invited to a celebration of thanks in the Courtyard after the 11 a.m. worship services. Please plan to join us for fellowship and refreshments accompanied by bagpipe music.

*Return to Serve- W 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 web-site. Come and serve with us!

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Martha Mason by her family.

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UNISON READING: Exodus 11:1; 12:12-14, 17

11 ¹ The Lord said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterward he will let you go from here; indeed, when he lets you go, he will drive you away.

12 ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.... ¹⁷ You shall observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: JONI RICHARDSON AND DAVID ELLISON
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
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
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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
Le Banquet céleste Olivier Messiaen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: In Jesus Christ, God shows his love for all people; those from north and the south, those from east and the west.
People: The Body of Christ is composed of people from many nations, speaking many languages, all set free to sing one song of praise.
Leader: God calls us out of our isolation and into a beloved community that spans the globe.
People: Come, whether your heart is heavy or your spirit rejoices, for a rich banquet is prepared.
All: Christ sets the table wide, inviting all to taste and see that God is good.

†***GATHERING SONG #388 (choir sings first, then all join)**
Come All Ye People UYAI MOSE

***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** Mary Robinson
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Dear Gracious God, your creation produces plenty of food, yet people are starving. Your creation provides access to sufficient raw materials, but people are without adequate shelter. You are a God of peace, of shalom, yet we do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We arm ourselves, not with the self-giving love and life-giving way of Jesus, but with words and weapons and systems that demean and damage. Forgive us, O Master, take our tainted thinking and replace it with your kingdom 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
Room at the Table David Lantz III
There is room at the table, a place at the feast. There is room for each burden you long to release. Ev’ry heart-ache you carry, each private despair; bring them all to the table, surrender them there. There is room for the bread that is broken in two. It is offered for all that is broken in you. Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more. You must only accept it; be fully re-stored. There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine. It is offered to you at this table of mine. Come be filled with remembrance of My sacrifice. All your emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied. There is room at the table so come take your place. Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace. Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul. O come to the table and you will leave it whole.
Pamela Stewart

***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** Joni Richardson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Unison Reading: Exodus 11:1; 12:12-14, 17 Page 55
Scripture Focus: John 6:1, 5-13, 35-36 Page 91

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
“Radical Generosity: Food for the Soul”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #526
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LINSTead

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 #341
O God, Show Mercy to Us THAXTED

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #321**
The Church’s One Foundation AURELIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #80**
You Shall Go Out With Joy
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**



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.

October 11, 2026
Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key
John 4:5-42
“Knowing and Being Known”