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.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting Next Sunday (Nov. 15): after 9:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary, to hear the recommendation from Session on the acquisition of the NorthStar Center of Hope property on Sunnyside Dr. Immediately after which, a member vote will be taken.

Town Halls- Learn more about the NorthStar Center of Hope Property: Join us today at 12:30 p.m. at 1410 Sunnyside Dr. - NorthStar campus to tour the property and ask questions. The final Town Hall will be at Eastminster this Wednesday, November 11th, at 6 p.m. in Thompson Hall.

EPW Circles One and Three meet Tomorrow, at 10 a.m., in the Adult Reception Hall (ARH): All EPC ladies are invited to join us for fellowship and a devotional on second Mondays. Please 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 submitted Pledges for 2027: To pledge online, visit www.eastminsterpres.org, and click the blue PLEDGE button at the top right. OR fill out a pledge card and place it in the offering or bring it to the Church Office, attention Christy Rippy- EPC Treasurer.

Next Sunday is our Thornwell Home Special Offering: Your benevolence provides safe, nurturing environments for educating, equipping, and supporting children and families. Thank you for your generosity in 2025, totalling $7,336.50.

***Sundays@5 Gospel of John:** with Dr. Douglass Key continues tonight.

Kingdom Kids and Club 345: meet tonight at 5 p.m.

***Join us for WE@EPC Meals in Thompson Hall:** Visit Upcoming Events to view the menu and RSVP by noon on Wednesdays.

***The EPW Vine Retreat is January 29-31, 2027, at The Cove:** Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminster.com) with any questions, and make your plans to attend!

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

***Be a Bible Doer on Third Wednesdays at the Oliver's:** Join us on November 18th from 7 to 8 a.m. All are welcome; enjoy fellowship while making pasta salad for friends at Transitions.

***Transitions Third Thursday is November 19th:** Sign up to serve lunch or dinner at Transitions. Donations of pasta salad, bananas, and pound cakes are greatly appreciated and due to the EPC Staff Kitchen by 3 p.m.

***The Women's Shelter Souper is Thursday, November 19th, from 5-7 p.m. in Thompson Hall:** Stop in for a bowl of Chick-fil-A soup. This annual event supports vulnerable women in our community. A minimum donation of $10/bowl, please.

***Bahamas Adult Mission Trip is January 16-23, 2027:** Experience serving in the Abacos! Help rebuild for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Sharon Vanzant.

Pledge Status Report as of November 2, 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.

163	*Pledges increased*
59	*Pledges with no change*
15	*Pledges decreased*
35	*New Pledges*

For a total of 272 pledges totaling $3,259,194
197 pledges were made for 2026 but not yet for 2027

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UNISON READING: John 7:1-6

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him. [2] Now the Jewish Festival of Booths was near. [3] So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing, [4] for no one who wants to be widely known acts in secret. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." [5] (For not even his brothers believed in him.) [6] Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.

SERMON NOTES

DEACONS: CHAD ABRAMSON AND ROBERT SIMMONS
HEAD USHERS: JEFF MUTHIG (9:00 AM) MIKE GORMAN (11:15 am)

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MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN

COME AND SEE... JOURNEY WITH JESUS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29204
803-256-1654 www.eastminsterpres.org

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

With a Joyful Heart — Susan E. Geschke

Memorial Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name!

Psalm 100

†***HYMN OF ADORATION**#694

Great God of Every Blessing — AURELIA

***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. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine into the dark places of our lives, and of our world, so that we may see as you see. Shine your light in our hearts, minds and actions, so that we turn away from mean-spiritedness, greed and selfishness. Transform our hearts and minds, and let it begin in this time of silent confession….

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

Thou, O Lord — Lisa Ireland

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan

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

Beyond All Praising — Holst/arr. Morris

***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** — Chad Abramson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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Scripture Focus: John 7:10-18 — Page 93

Pastor: The Word of the LORD!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON — Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"Such Learning for One Never Taught"

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service — BEECHER

***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**

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 15, 2026

Rev. Emily Mooneyhan