

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

TODAY: August 28	NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday, September 4	
Lay Leader: Robb Ellis	Lay Leader: Chris Gassner	
Head Usher: Rick Owens	Head Usher: Tom Harley	
	Hans Wiegert	
Greeters: Scott Forster	Greeters: Anita Harley	
	Roxana Talwar	
	Peg Lawhorn	Sharon Daugherty
Time with Children:	Time with Children:	
	Melinda Finney	Steven Putnam
Children's Worship 2 nd - 5 th	Children's Worship 2 nd - 5 th	
	Greg Keller & Taylor Putnam	Scott Forster, Lauren Landers,
		Anna Gardner
Pre-school - 1 st Children's Worship	Pre-school-1 st Children's Worship	
	Layne Putnam	Roxana Talwar

FOR THE RECORD:

Last Sunday's Attendance	151
Received for Program & Mission	\$ 5,033
Receipts Necessary for Budget	\$ 6,080
Given Year to Date:	\$180,716
Program & Mission Needs (year to date)	\$176,320

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you should have an emergency or someone you know needs pastoral care, please contact the church office at 284-0190 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need assistance after office hours please contact Pastor Steve Vance, at 864-414-0276. You can also send an email to Katie Keller, Elder in charge of Congregational Care, at network62@eastminster.com. Prayer request forms are available each Sunday morning on the welcome table in the Commons.

DURING WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. If you find it necessary to leave the sanctuary, please try to time this to occur during hymns, offering, or before/after you have communed. In accordance with our church's **Child Protection Policy** please accompany your child at all times to and from the worship space. Thank you for helping to limit distractions during worship.

EASTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christian worship ...

joyfully ascribes all praise and honor,
glory and power to the triune God. In
worship the people of God
acknowledge God present in the world and
in their lives.

As they respond to God's claim and
redemptive action in Jesus Christ,
believers are transformed and renewed.

In worship the faithful
offer themselves to God and are equipped for
God's service in the world.

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2011*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST ROBB ELLIS

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good.

PEOPLE: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed, those redeemed from trouble, bear witness.

PEOPLE: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.

* HYMN #191

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

WINCHESTER OLD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us Lord: you have set your way before us, and we tremble to see it. It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear, but also the weight of your call: your command to excel in love, rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all – your appeal to overcome evil with good. Who are we to live in such a way? We do not merit your confidence. Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and live in awe at your presence, which is our help and encouragement ... (silent & personal confession)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise my soul, the God of heaven,
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

MELINDA FINNEY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

"This Should Never Happen"

The Reverend Nancy Blakely

* DECLARATION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1

We affirm that Jesus Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first born of creation, for through him God created everything in heaven and on earth; through him and for him God created the whole universe. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the source of our life as a community. Through him God has reconciled all things, both in heaven and on earth, making peace, through his sacrifice on the cross. Thanks be to God! Amen!!

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call for the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering: "Here I Am, Lord"

SCHUTTE & SCHRADER

*Response

TOULON

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of Love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to your will.**

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #371

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TALLIS' CANON

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

* POSTLUDE

CHURCH STAFF

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Sherry Hirt sherry@eastminster.com	Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Office Closed on Mondays

Ministry Teams & Elder Leaders

Clerk of Session Media Communications	Bonnie McCourtie
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Worship Team	Sharon Daugherty
Fellowship Team	Ann Coleman
Membership Team	Sharon Daugherty
Congregational Care Team	Carol Stewart
Vision Council	Katie Keller
Stewardship Team	Rob Ellis
Strategic Planning Team	Mike Ferney
Educational Ministry Council	Robb Ellis
Children's Education Team	Melinda Finney
Youth Education Team	Anitha Samuel
Adult Education Team	Rick Owens
Operations Council	Chuck Landers
Building & Grounds Team	Mark Sucher
Finance & Administration Team	Mike Armor
Personnel Team	Mark Sucher
Outreach Council	Ed Irick
	Craig Winebarger

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

AT EASTMINISTER

TODAY

9:15AM	Church School – Children/Youth/Adults
10:30AM	WORSHIP
4:30PM	Mid & Sr. High Youth social and supper with Hispanic/Latino Youth at Russell Memorial Presbyterian.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 30

6:45AM	Men's Bible Study-Clarke's Kitchen
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Wednesday, August 31

6:00PM	Fellowship Meal
6:30PM	Vespers
6:30PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM	Hand-bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 3-5

Camp Buc Family Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY: September 4

9:15AM	Church School – Children/Youth
10:30AM	WORSHIP-Communion
	2-cents-a-Meal
	God's pantry Food collection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome The Reverend Nancy Blakely as our guest preacher. Nancy is chaplain at the Rainey Hospice House, Hospice of the Upstate, in Anderson, SC. She and her husband Charlie, also a minister member of Foothills Presbytery, have a daughter Caroline Wood who graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and is pursuing a call to ministry. Pastoral care during Steve's absence will be coordinated by Elder Katie Keller and the Rev. Dan Hughs

Informational "Get To know EPC" Luncheon- The Membership Team invites those of you who have been visiting EPC over the past months to join us for a light salad lunch following Worship on Sunday, September 11. This is an opportunity for you to meet our leadership and some members and discover who we are as a Body of Christ. Call Carol Stewart at 915-6162 for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation to be held following worship on Sunday, September 19 for the purpose of electing three members of the congregation to serve with Elders Melinda Finney and Ed Irick (and the interim pastor – *ex officio*) on the **2012 Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)**. The congregation is invited to suggest the names of active members of the church to Melinda, Ed or Pastor Steve to be considered to represent the congregation on the CNC. A slate of three nominees will be brought to the congregation for their consideration on September 18. It is the CNC who will develop the slate of elder nominees for the Session. The Class of 2014 will be presented to the congregation on November 20.

CHOIR REHEARSAL This Wednesday is the final 6:30- 7:30 PM rehearsal. The Fall schedule begins on Wednesday, August 31st. **Children's choir and Hand-bell choir, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Chancel choir- 7:00- 8:00 p.m.** Rehearsals are open to everyone. Invite your friends and family as we continue to grow this exciting ministry at Eastminster! Questions! E-mail Luke Browder at luke@eastminster.com.

WEDNESDAY NITE at EPC: Please join your church family at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday evenings for a casual meal (please bring side, salad or desert w/main entrée provided and cost covered by those attending). A brief Vespers Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. for those not participating in the Children's Choir or a newly forming Bell Choir.

Shared Meal	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Vesper's	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Circle, Thursday, September 8 at 10:00AM home of Carol Irick.

EPC Women's Fall Brunch is Saturday September 10, at 10:00 a.m., in Clarke's Kitchen. Sign up on Kiosk. Childcare is available.

GROWING IN FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

From the Director of Christian Education:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 a.m.

Pre-school (3yrs old) – Kindergarten	"Walk with Me", from Faith Alive Publishing
1 st – 5 th Graders	"DWELL curriculum"

Mid High 6 th – 8 th Graders	"Akaloo" from Faith Alive Publishing
Sr. High Youth	from Augsburg Fortress
Adults- Seekers Forum,	"Feasting on the Word"
	"The Seven Deadly Sins"

Faith and Life Class	And their corresponding virtues
	"The Prodigal God"
	Finding your place at the table.

Adult classes will begin on September 11th

CHILDRENS CHURCH: 10:40 a.m.

Preschool – 1 st Grade	After Time with Children
2 nd – 5 th Grade	Education wing-1 st classroom
	Upstairs last classroom on left

SUNDAY EVENING: 4:30 p.m.

Mid & Sr. High to Russell Memorial Presbyterian Church

Class descriptions can be found on the website at <http://www.eastminster.com>.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Mid and Senior highs will depart at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon for Russell Memorial Presbyterian Church, where they will play games and have supper together with the Hispanic/Latino youth of Genaro Marin's church. The group will return at 7:30 pm. Come join the fun! Questions? Contact Carol Stewart, 915-6162 or carolbstewart@aol.com.

September 3-5, 2011: CAMP BUC FAMILY RETREAT - This Retreat is offered as a ministry of the Buc Outdoor Center and Foothills Presbytery. The retreat begins Saturday with lunch at noon in the Dining Hall, followed by registration from 1:15-2:00 pm. The retreat ends Monday with morning worship and lunch. Go to <http://www.bucoutdoorcenter.org/> to learn more.