

MAY YOUR HOME AND HEART BE A SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we gather in homes in Columbia and beyond to worship God. This day we set our homes apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

*“God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The tomb is empty; Christ is risen. Evil has been defeated. Hallelujah!

People: **We believe, O God, and we have doubts; we do good and we sin.**

Leader: Like Thomas and the first disciples, we are imperfect people who long for confirmation.

People: **Even amid our doubts, O Shepherd, give us eyes that see, hearts that believe, and hands that serve.**

All: **Lift us from discouragement, O Lord, awaken us again to your forgiving grace, and inspire us to live resurrection lives!**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King though all eternity.
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND EASTER GREETINGS

During this time you are encouraged to share the peace of Christ by texting, "Christ is risen! Hallelujah!" to three people, Eastminster members or beyond.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

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.

OFFERTORY AND TIME OF OFFERING

Loving My Jesus

Alexa Ford and Isaiah Hogue

To respond to God's grace by participating in God's work through Eastminster, use one of the following options:

1. Mail contributions to: EPC, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204.
2. To set up recurring gifts, register on the members' portal at <https://members.eastminsterpres.org> then follow prompts for giving.
3. One time gifts: Go to our webpage at <https://eastminsterpres.org/contribute> and select "2020 General Fund" and follow prompts.
4. Give by texting 18035909901, type "give" and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Life In His Name"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story; this is my song praising my Savior all the day long.**
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story; this is my song praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story; this is my song praising my Savior all the day long.**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Because He Lives

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.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our on-going ministries.

April 26, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Luke 24:13-35

“On The Road Again”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THIS TIME — Please read the E-news each week for the latest news from EPC. Also, to receive the Daily Devotional, a brief devotional written by various EPC members, simply email blewis@eastminsterpres.org and type “add me to DD list.”

EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG RESOURCES: VISIT OUR NEW HUMOR CHANNEL! Simply click on the Quicklink in the lower right corner to find videos, memes, emoji's, etc., all in the name of good clean fun. Have a funny to share? Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org) to submit a little humor.

MORE EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG RESOURCES: Click on Virtual Resources to find: New Fitness videos, as well as channels for: Bible Study; Calming & Coping; Children's Chapels; Devotionals and Story Time for Children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENT ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES are happening all week on various days/times and a great way to reconnect - Please text Laura Long (803) 530.6731 to get on a distribution!

THANK YOU TO THE EASTER ARTISTS AND YARD TEAM FOR THE FABULOUS EASTER ART & VIDEO! Thanks to artists:: Liz Agee, Miles Daniel, LeeAnn & Carlisle Harris, Blythe Lewis, the Rayfield family; the Swan family & Jane Marie Trail; Designer Sarah Roddey; Installers Jim Evatt, Ken & Colson Carey, & Christopher Twitty; Drone video Coke Mann; Cross maker Ken Carey; Video Editor James Cassidy; Project Shepherd Caroline Bennett; Balloon Wrangler Croskeys Royall and Lily Ladies Fredna Lee & Julie McDaniel.

SUNDAY@5 CLASS TONIGHT! “NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT.” This tour of the “Minor” Prophets (seven remaining) is led by Dr. Douglass Key and resumes tonight at 5:00p. Join via LIVE FEED!

THANK YOU TO THE TRANSITIONS BAKERS & SERVERS! Your efforts over the last two Third Thursdays have been remarkable and allowed us to continue to provide this meal. Want to help on May 21st? Contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com) to get on her distribution list.

THERE WILL BE NO PEACE SERVICE TODAY. Please look for updates here for the next time we can safely gather for prayer and the Lord's Supper.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep Family Promise in your prayers. Family Promise helps families in need of transitional housing by having them stay in area churches. Due to the coronavirus, the families are having to stay in hotels. This week was Eastminster's scheduled host week. If you would like to help out, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

ACCESS EASTMINSTER'S VIRTUAL CALENDAR ON THE HOMEPAGE. You will see online activities for mind, body, and soul for all ages. If you miss a day, you can access previous recordings via the VIRTUAL RESOURCES button. Let us know what you'd like to see more of, or if you have a suggestion for something new. Contact Janice Blair at jblair@eastminsterpres.org.

MISSING WE@EPC MEALS? Eastminster has to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Pick up a meal for a neighbor. The costs are the same: \$3 per child (0-8), \$6 per adult (9+) with a \$25 family cap. *You must register through the EPC website's Quick Links by noon on Tues/Thurs. In an effort to decrease the spread of germs, we will not be accepting payment in person. If you are not able to pay online via PayPal, please mail in your payment.*

MENU Tuesday, April 21: Chicken Breast Nicoise (Dinner Salad) - Served with Crackers

MENU Thursday, April 23: Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, Vegetable Blend & Roll

VBS 2020 REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The dates are June 15-18 (Rising 1st—6th) and you can now register via Quick Links on the website.

SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION WITH EPC! Just send images to Blythe Lewis at blewis@eastminsterpres.org.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT SUMMER MISSION TRIPS, please contact Susie Glenn at sglenn@eastminsterpres.org.