

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

Freedom

Stanfill/Younger

Augie Gil, Alexa Ford, and Isaiah Hogue

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds.

People: **His name is the Lord, be exultant before him.**

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

People: **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

All: **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #267

Come Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1. **Come, Christians, Join to Sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice: praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Maddox Heyward Mothena

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND TIME OF OFFERING

During this time you are encouraged to extend the hand of Christ by texting “The peace of Christ be with you,” “Resurrection hope to you and yours,” or another brief greeting to 3-4 people, Eastminster members or beyond.

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 AND PASTORAL 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Acts 1:6-14

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Scripture Focus: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Rise Up”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CORONATION

1. **All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels, prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**
3. **Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

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

Christ Is Alive

Arr. Carson Cooman

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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Maddox Heyward Mothena, son of Lauren and Stephen Mothena, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Sharon Shuler will give the baptismal prayer.

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.

May 31, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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."

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS SATURDAY, MAY 30 (8 AM-1PM CLC).

Give the gift of life! You may now register via Quick Links using the sponsor code, "Eastminster." All donors will receive a Red Cross t-shirt and Pizza Hut coupons. Questions? Contact Emmet Hough, Dir. of the CLC, at ehough@eastminsterpres.org.

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. We will be collecting peanut butter donations for Harvest Hope today through Thursday's meal pick-up (6:15 pm). Just pull under the portico in front of the CLC, and drop off a jar. Last month, over 500 lbs. were collected.

SUNDAY@5 LAST CLASS IS TONIGHT "NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT." This tour of the "Minor" Prophets has been led by Dr. Douglass Key. Join via LIVE FEED today at 5 pm to learn about Malachi. To view previous classes in this series, visit VIRTUAL RESOURCES at www.eastminsterpres.org.

EASTMINSTER WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY. The business office will resume regular hours on Tuesday. Should you need to speak with a pastor, please dial (803) 256-1654 for the pastor on call.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep our missionary partners George and Anne Harper in your prayers. The Harpers serve in the Philippines but are currently residing in San Antonio, TX. They are serving during this crisis through online teaching. Please keep them in your prayers as they adapt to continue their mission. If you would like to help out, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

DIG INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT THIS SUMMER! A few young adult Small Groups are taking on the challenge of reading through the New Testament this summer. If your Small Group or Sunday school class is interested in this study, contact Rev. Brian Marsh (bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org) for a 14-week reading plan and other helpful resources. Make the most of this different summer and dig into the Bible as a group!

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.

ACCESS EASTMINSTER’S VIRTUAL CALENDAR ON THE HOMEPAGE. You will see online activities for mind, body, and soul for all ages. 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.*

Tuesday, May 26: Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Broccoli Casserole and Rolls

Thursday, May 28: Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya with Rice, Creamed Spinach, Corn Nuggets, and Cornbread

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VBS 2020 INFORMATION IS ON QUICK LINKS! The new proposed dates are July 27-30 (Rising 4K—Rising 6th-graders). Parents, see weekly emails from Croskeys for latest updates on EPC Children’s Ministry and other virtual resources.

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