

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

America

Mary McDonald

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is gracious to us and blesses us.

People: The Lord makes His face to shine upon us.

Leader: You O Lord make your ways known and bring salvation to your people.

All: We praise You, and sing for joy because You bless us. Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #338

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
3. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God above.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

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,” “The Lord be with you,” 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

Mr. Nicholas P. Demuynck

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

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Expect the Unexpected”

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILLE

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."
4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

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.

July 12, 2020

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

“Soil Sample”

July 5, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SESSION, the congregation is called to meet on Sunday, July 19, at the conclusion of the 9 am and 10:30 am worship services. The purpose of the meeting is threefold: 1) to act on the Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons for the class of 2023; and to act on the Session's recommendation to changes in the terms of call for 2) Dr. Brad Smith and 3) Dr. Douglass Key.

The Nominating Committee, which was elected by the congregation in April, has prayerfully deliberated and contacted these nominees who, if elected, have agreed to serve. If elected, they will serve a three-year term.

Any member of Eastminster Presbyterian has the right to **make further nominations from the floor** provided that the nominator has permission from the nominee, assurance of that person's willingness to serve, and the name of a person to second the motion. Because of the unusual circumstances caused by COVID-19, any such nominations must be submitted to Clerk of Session Sara Lynn Curtis (curtis.saralynn@gmail.com) by July 15.

Further nominations shall not be considered as a rejection of these nominees or of the Nominating Committee. Our Presbyterian form of Government encourages such action as an expression of our freedom to choose anyone whom we feel to be qualified.

Ballots will be mailed, hopefully to be received by July 20. Please make every effort to **return your ballot before July 26, or as soon as possible**. Your participation in the elections process is vital to the life of the church. Thank you. Nominees for the office of elder are Liz Agee, Jeff Casto, Randy Cottrell, Alex Dillard, Jane Francis, Linda Long, Beth Oliver, Alison McGowan, Bruce Moseley, and Susi McWilliams. Nominees for the office of deacon are Carmen Atkins, Ann Cameron, Elizabeth Crouch, Dustin Curtis, Warren Darby Jr., Shannon McCutchen, Charlie Mimms, Thomas Rhodes, Teresa Shelton, and Amy Teas.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. via livestreaming, with the Children's Lesson at 8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Please join us this summer via LIVE FEED button on our website.

JULY PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE at www.eastminsterpres.org via Quick Links.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep Sistercare, Inc., in your prayers. This organization has stayed open through the COVID crisis to help women and children find shelter from dangerous relationships. Please pray that they are able to continue giving care and that the clients are able to find safety and peace through Sistercare. If you have any questions, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

"WAKING UP WHITE" BOOK STUDY WED 11 AM & 7 PM: You can sign up via Quick Links.

Hard copies of *Waking Up White*, and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving will be available but quantity is limited. You can also access the book online. This seven-week study, led by Brad Smith, ends July 29. We will meet in Thompson Hall (25 people max), or via ZOOM. Groups meet at both 11 am and 7 pm. Questions: contact Julie at jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MEAL MENUS FOR NEXT WEEK: Eastminster has to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Pick up a meal for a neighbor. The costs are \$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, July 7: Chicken and Dumplings, Roasted Broccolini, Fried Squash and Rolls

Thursday, July 9: Beef Medallions, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Mushrooms, and Pearl Onions and Tomato Pie

STARTING THIS WEEK, JOIN US ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT NOON for interactive sharing via Zoom. This new format for the "Daily Prayer" (Tues/Thurs) will give us a chance to enjoy fellowship and get caught up on each other, as well as to share prayers requests a few times a week. All are invited to join in. These sessions will be pastor-led. Visit our VIRTUAL CALENDAR at

www.eastminsterpres.org to see all virtual opportunities for the week. The M/W/F Daily Prayers will continue as pre-recorded and streaming at noon, 4 & 7 PM.

Simply go to the following:

Tuesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85808616356?pwd=WnIwTEtpL0lBMk1rWmR1bnE4OXRhUT09>

Meeting ID 858 0861 6356, Password 627888

Thursday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83393805943?pwd=RmYyLzIwVmFBNllOcmNrd21VQnI1UT09>

Meeting ID 833 9380 5943, Password 750204

JOIN US FOR "COFFEE HOUR" ON SUNDAY MORNINGS beginning July 12 from 10 - 10:30 via Zoom! This is a way to gather together in an interactive way for fellowship before (or after) "entering" worship, and an opportunity for shared fellowship and face-to-(virtual)face engagement.

Simply go to the following

Sunday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83773484749?pwd=aDlmUXV3RzhLeGNFbi9ucDBtb3VBZz09>

Meeting ID 837 7348 4749, Password 127962

WATCH EDS CHAPEL VIA LIVESTREAM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 AM. Tune in via our website homepage (www.eastminsterpres.org) LIVE FEED button.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL? We are needing Daily Devotionals for July/August! Please contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to sign up. Title, Scripture, Story, Closing Prayer & Submitted By are the components. If you need help with title, scripture or prayer, Caroline can assist you.

SHARE VIRTUAL WORSHIP, LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP GLIMPSES!

Take a photo and email it to Blythe Lewis at blewis@eastminsterpres.org with a brief description of who, what and when! These images are inspirational and a way to stay in touch. Thank you to all who are sharing.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God by Carol and Joe Anderson.