

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

Rondo

Marin Marais

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader: Accept our offering of praise, O God.

People: God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Leader: Accept our offering of praise.

People: O God, give us life according to your word.

Leader: Your word is the joy of our hearts.

People: God hears us and holds us in this time of worship.

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. **To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mollie Frances Gandy

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,” “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

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

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Soil Sample”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

1. **God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me. O Christ, surround me. O Christ surround me.**
5. **Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me. O Christ, surround me. O Christ surround me.**

*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

Recessional in G

John Stanley

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

Mollie Frances Gandy, daughter of Todd and Kristen Gandy, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Justin Self 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.

July 19, 2020

EPC Young Adults International Mission Reflections
William Griffin
Katherine Long

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.

OUR FIRST "COFFEE HOUR" IS TODAY AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM! Virtual face-to-face interaction for fellowship and prayer. Just go to the following URL:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85808741060?pwd=OXZlVjZvdHJNcTBxdCtWbGEwUDAwdz09>
MEETING ID:837 7348 4749 PASSWORD: 127962

JOIN US! "CONVERSATIONS & PRAYER" TUESDAY/THURSDAY AT NOON VIA ZOOM. These sessions will be pastor-led and give us a chance to fellowship and share virtually face-to-face. Look for

zoom info via E-News or Daily Devotional footers, or contact Julie McDaniel at jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please pray for our missionary partners, Stephen and Natalie Hall. They are currently serving in Alaska with SEND/North, but reside in Houston, TX. Please pray for them during the pandemic that they would stay healthy and able to travel to Alaska safely. If you have any questions, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

CHAMPS CAMP STARTS TOMORROW AT EPC (JULY 13-17) The theme is "Love God, Love People" (Mark 12:30-31). Please pray for the 23 students who will be on campus next week, plus three mentors and three E2 Interns as students explore "Hidden Figures" for ELA, Math & Science, related Arts & Crafts, as well as a Career Fair and Service Project. CHAMPS stands for *Communities Helping Assisting Motivating Promising Students*. Questions about our CHAMPS Program? Contact Rebekah Gaston (rgaston@eastminsterpres.org).

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS JULY 16! Please deliver donations of pasta salad, bananas and pound cakes to the McGowan's by 4 pm on the 16th. Thank you to all who have served at Transitions this summer, not only for this meal, but in so many other ways! Look for emails from Alison McGowan with instructions and needs for servers. Want to help? Contact Alison (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

REGISTER NOW FOR A NIGHT OF VBS, MONDAY, JULY 27, AT 5:45 PM. We will drive-thru the CLC meal pick-up line for chicken sandwiches and head over to the field for our program geared towards rising 4K-rising 6th graders. The cost is \$25/car. Goody bags with VBS swag will be available. See emails from Croskeys Royall.

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

JULY 29 IS "SENIOR NIGHT" FOR GRADUATES & FAMILIES. Look for an invitation from Nick Demuynck with details for a safe gathering and join us as we celebrate our high school seniors and wish them well!

"WAKING UP WHITE" BOOK STUDY WED 11 AM & 7 PM ENDS JULY 29. Brad Smith and Douglass Key are co-leading *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. We meet in Thompson Hall (25 people max), or via ZOOM. Interested in a future study on Christian race relations? 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 14: Lasagna, Honey Roasted Carrots, Fried Green Beans & Garlic Bread

Thursday, July 16: Southwestern Chicken Taco Bowl

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

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of the sacrament of baptism of Mollie Frances Gandy, given by her parents Todd and Kristen Gandy.