

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

Praeludium 23

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us give thanksgiving and praise to God..

People: Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Leader: Let us worship God who has come to us in Jesus the Christ..

People: Who did not turn back in the face of evil, or even death.

All: Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #2

Come Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

1. **Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
4. **To thee, great one in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Margaret Rankin Livingston

BAPTISMAL HYMN #475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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: John 1:14-18

Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Is There a Tattoo on Your Heart?”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
4. Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

*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

Wir Danken Dir, Herr Jesu Christ

Bach

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

Margaret Rankin Livingston, daughter of Josh and Rankin Livingston, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Don Helms 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.

Sept. 6, 2020

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

Revelation 22:1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY SEPT. 6 AT 9 AM! Please see Brad's letter to the congregation (last Thursday's E-News), for instructions on safest practices for regathering. You will must make a reservation via Quick Links. The maximum for safe seating is 100 in our sanctuary.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR UPCOMING SMALL GROUPS EVENTS? Two Small Group events: SG Celebration in the Field, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7-8:15 pm, Cold Stone Creamery, Live Music, Inspirational Speaker, Childcare for 3K-5th grade, bring a chair or listen from your parked car via our FM station --Small Group Facilitators Workshop & Dinner, Wednesday, Sept. 2, for NEW SG facilitators (5-6 pm) and Existing SG facilitators (6-8 pm), offering both in-person and virtual options, awesome speaker, all materials and dinner included. Register today via Quick Links on our website: www.eastminsterpres.org.

INFO ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Room assignments for Adult Classes that wish to meet in person at safe distance on Sunday mornings at 10 am are currently being accommodated. (Every class will need to move to a larger space to allow for safe distancing.) Watch for more information about class locations and meeting times in the coming week. High school youth will meet in the Gym at 10 am beginning Sept. 13. Middle School youth will meet on the field, date TBA. See emails from Croskeys regarding plans for preschool and elementary children.

OUR COLLECTION OF COOKIES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS will be Sunday, Sept. 13. If you would like to provide cookies or help deliver them that day, contact Jennifer Seigler at jseigler@gmail.com.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES FOR HS YOUTH KICK-OFF 9/23 (GYM). Meet for dinner at 7 pm and then break out into single-gender groups until 8:30 pm. Questions? Nick Demuyneck at ndemuyneck@eastminsterpres.org.

August 30, 2020

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE HOUR” TODAY AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM! Virtual face-to-face interaction for fellowship and prayer. Go to the website homepage: www.eastminsterpres.org and click on the Quick Link “Join the Conversation...” For technical assistance, contact James Cassidy at jcassidy@eastminsterpres.org.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week please keep Sarah Snapp in your prayers. Sarah lives in Bolivia and teaches children who are also in missionary families. Please pray that Sarah will stay healthy to be able to continue her ministry. If you would like to help, contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? Our next First Step class will be an abbreviated class on September 20 from 2-5 pm via Zoom. For more details contact Susie Glenn, Member Involvement Coordinator at (sglenn@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.

Tues., September 1: Loaded Beef Taco Bowl

Thurs., September 3: Chicken Rice Casserole, Succotash, Roasted Zucchini Sticks, Tomato Pie & Rolls

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Cheryl Yates by her family, Holly, Clark, and Liza.