

## 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

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
**People: who walk in the law of the Lord.**  
Leader: Happy are those who keep God's decrees,  
**People: who seek God with their whole heart.**  
Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, teach us your statutes.

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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

Guy Earl Johnson III

### BAPTISMAL HYMN #480

*Take Me to the Water*

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

1. **Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized.**
2. **I love Jesus. I love Jesus. I love Jesus, yes, I do.**
3. **He’s my Savior. He’s my Savior. He’s my Savior, yes, he is.**
4. **Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**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:** Psalm 119:10-16

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"Has Your Lamp Run Dry?"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL’S STORY

1. **Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**
4. **Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

## **\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #306**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

### **POSTLUDE**

#### **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**

Guy Earl Johnson III, son of Guy and Elizabeth Johnson, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Elder Kit Pound will give the baptismal prayer.

#### **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

*Contact Susie Glenn ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto: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. 20, 2020

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY!** You must make a reservation via Quick Links each time. The maximum for safe seating is 100 in our sanctuary, and while you are here, you are required to wear a mask and practice safe-distancing. Ushers/greeters will be available to assist you.

**THANK YOU TO KRISTEN HARRIS, VIOLINIST,** for the beautiful prelude and postlude music this morning.

**REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS START TODAY:** Gather in the field for Outdoor Worship at 8:30 am. In-person worship at 9 am (Sanctuary—Must RSVP) Live streaming also at 9 and 11:15 am, with the Children's Lesson live streaming at 8:45 & 11 am. Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)'s Quick Links: WORSHIP OPTIONS for more details and to register.

**CHILDREN'S TIME THIS FALL:** Starting today there will be two in-person Children's Times on Sundays: 8:30 –9:30 am for 3K-5K, and 5-6 pm in Thompson Hall for 1st-5th graders. Attendance is limited for both so you must RSVP. Go to Quick Links on our website ([www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)) to RSVP.

**COOKIES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS COLLECTION** is today! Please drop off cookies in the breezeway by the courtyard between 8:30 and 10 am. Thank you volunteers and Jennifer Seigler for leading this annual outreach!

**MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:** This week please pray for our programs that provide food for children over the weekends, Bradley Backpack Program and MeadowFeed. Because schools have chosen not to resume in person this fall, these programs are having to adapt to make sure that those who are in need are still able to have food when they are not at school. Please pray that the programs will continue to meet this need throughout the next school year. If you would like to help, contact Susie Glenn ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sglenn@eastminsterpres.org)).

September 13, 2020

**SEPTEMBER PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE VIA QUICK LINKS.**

**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., Sept. 15: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Blend, Fried Green Beans & Rolls

Thurs., Sept. 17: Pork Medallions with Mushroom Brie Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Pearl Onions, Fried Zucchini Sticks

**WE@EPC BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, AT 7 PM:** One in Christ—Quest for Unity (New Testament Church and beyond), led by Dr. Douglass Key takes us to the early church and its struggle to remain united (Online & In-person-Adult Reception Hall). Sign up via Quick Links.

**TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS SEPT. 17.** Please take donations of pasta salad, bananas and pound cakes to the McGowan's house by 4 pm on Thursday. Servers should be at Transitions by 5 pm. To sign up (cook, deliver food or serve), contact Alison McGowan at [alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** Our First Step class is next Sunday, September 20, from 2-5 pm via Zoom. Please RSVP to Susie Glenn, Member Involvement Coordinator, ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sglenn@eastminsterpres.org)) by Wednesday in order to get the zoom link sent to you via email.

**SUNDAYS @5 CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 20 FROM 5:00-6:30 PM:** Job: An Enduring Conversation, led by Dr. Douglass Key, looks at Job's struggle with central, timeless questions of faith and human existence. (Online & Adult Reception). Communication in a World of Technology is co-led by Rev. Lynn Grandsire & Rev. Brian Marsh (Online & Rm E-357). Sign up via Quick Links.

**EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (EPW) KICK-OFF IS SEPT. 21.** We will meet in the sanctuary as well as online to catch up and look at our fall calendar.

**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? Contact Rev. Nick Demuyneck at [ndemuyneck@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:ndemuyneck@eastminsterpres.org).

**COLLEGE & YOUNGER ADULT STUDIES STARTING SOON.** Rev. Nick Demuyneck will lead two six-week studies on *An Altar in the World: A Geography in Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. College students will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday beginning on 9/22, from 7-8:30 p.m., and Younger Adults will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday beginning on 10/6 from 7-8:30 p.m. Location to come. Contact Nick Demuyneck to sign up at [ndemuyneck@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:ndemuyneck@eastminsterpres.org).

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ann Duncan with thanksgiving from her family.