

## 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

*Bouree*

J.S. Bach

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

**People: Cleanse and refresh us from every transgression.**

Leader: Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

**People: and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new.**

**ALL: Have mercy upon us O God, and lead us in truth and righteousness.**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## 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**

Charles Watson Lovelace

## **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. 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**

**Unison Reading:** Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

**Scripture Focus:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

**Pastor:** The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

## **SERMON**

"People Are Watching You"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## **\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697**

*Take My Life*

HENDON

1. **Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee: take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
6. **Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

## **\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

September 20, 2020

## **\*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**

Selection from *Cello Suite*

J.S. 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**

Charles Watson Lovelace, son of Clay and Staci Lovelace, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Deacon Bill DeLoache 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. 27, 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 HEIDI CAREY, CELLIST,** for the beautiful prelude and postlude music this morning.

**REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS HAVE RETURNED:** 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:** There are 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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE SHARING THE GYM** with the Sr. Highs during the Sunday school hour. The MS class will meet on the end of the Gym floor closest to the lobby. Regina Jeffcoat and the kitchen staff are preparing breakfast for all the youth at 10 am.

**SOAP READINGS: JOURNEY THROUGH JOHN BEGIN ON MONDAY, SEPT. 21.** Join Pastor Brad in reading 28-30 verses of Scripture each day, using the SOAP approach- Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer. The passages for each day will be on a website Quick Link and at the bottom of the Daily Devotional. Also, Brad and Douglass will be offering 50 minute discussion groups at 11am and again at 7pm (in-person or via Zoom) starting Wednesday, Sept. 23. Email [now@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:now@eastminsterpres.org) to let us know whether you'd prefer 11am or 7pm, and in person or via Zoom. Now is the time.

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**HIGH SCHOOL MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN** Wednesday, Sept 23, 7-8 pm. We will meet in the field each week for a meal and then break into our single-gender Bible studies. To help with a meal this fall, please contact Janice Blair at [jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

**REMINDER THAT THE FIRST STEP CLASS IS TODAY FROM 2-5 PM** via ZOOM for those seeking membership at Eastminster. If you are interested in becoming a member of Eastminster, please contact Susie Glenn, Member Involvement Coordinator, ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sglenn@eastminsterpres.org)).

**SUNDAYS @5 CLASSES BEGIN TONIGHT FROM 5-6:30 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.

**THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE FOR CLASS OF 2020 IS NEXT SUNDAY SEPT. 27,** at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a catered meal in the field for Confirmands and their families following the service. The congregation is welcome to livestream the service to participate and celebrate this class.

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY MEAL MENUS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Eastminster has to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Meal pick-up is from 5:30-6:15 p.m. 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. 22: BBQ Chicken Breast, Dirty Rice, Corn, Fried Okra & Rolls

Thurs., Sept. 24: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Marinated Green Beans, Fried Squash & Rolls

**MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:** This week please keep Midlands Sexual Trauma Services in your prayers. This organization provides advocates for those who are survivors of sexual violence. Please pray that they would be healthy and safe while they serve in hospitals around the county. If you would like to help, contact Susie Glenn ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sglenn@eastminsterpres.org)).

**SERVE ON THE COLLEGE MINISTRY TEAM.** If you would like to keep in touch with and support Eastminster's college students, you should join this team. Contact Alison McGowan to find out more at [alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 9TH GRADERS STARTS ON OCT. 4.** Classes will be on Sunday nights (through April 11) in the CLC (Gym) Dinner provided.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are in loving memory and gratitude for the life of Elizabeth Lewis Helms by her family. **Flowers in the Trenholm Road Entrance** are from the Hubbard-Vandersteenhoven wedding last night in remembrance with love those who are with us in spirit. Florence Miller Hubbard, grandmother of the bride, Charles Rast Hubbard, grandfather of the bride, James Elias Mallios, Sr., grandfather of the bride, Rose Rita Donahue Mackel, grandmother of the groom, Donald Charles Mackel, grandfather of the groom, Cornelia Bernhard Vandersteenhoven, grandmother of the groom, Willem Vandersteenhoven, grandfather of the groom.