

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

Processional Allegro

Fred Bock

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

Leader: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

People: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: God is our refuge and strength, let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1. Come Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

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

Frances Louise Ford

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. 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

Unison Reading: Nehemiah 2:17-18

Scripture Focus: Luke 1:1-4

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Path Forward" Discernment Report Sermon One

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

He Is Lord

He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! (repeat)

***CHARGE and BENEDECTION**

***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

Fugue

Bob Powell

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

Frances Louise Ford, daughter of Brian and Francie Ford, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Deacon Anne Seabrook will give the baptismal prayer.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Rev. Brian Marsh (bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x164) 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.

Oct. 4, 2020

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY! You must make a reservation via Quick Links each week. 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.

FALL WORSHIP HOURS: 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's Quick Links: WORSHIP OPTIONS for more details and to register.

CHILDREN'S TIME THIS FALL: There are three in-person Children's Times on Sundays: JAM "Jesus And Me" is from 8:15–9:15 am for 3K-5K in Thompson Hall, and SWAG "Saved With Amazing Grace" devotional and music time is from 5-6 pm - in Thompson Hall (this week only, usually in Sanctuary) for 1st-5th graders. There is also a new "One Room Schoolhouse" from 10-11 am (SS hour) for 1st-5th grades in the CLC (Rooms 271-273). Attendance is limited for all three, so you must RSVP. Go to Quick Links on our website (www.eastminsterpres.org) "RSVP for Children's Times on Sundays."

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.

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. Our Harvest Hope Peanut Butter Drive begins today. Drop off a jar in the bins under the CLC portico between now and Thursday's meal pick-up (by 6:15 pm). Thank you for helping stop hunger in The Midlands.

THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE FOR THE CLASS OF 2020 IS TODAY, at 5 pm in the Sanctuary for Confirmands and their families, followed by a catered meal in the field. The service will be available via LIVE FEED.

September 27, 2020

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 9TH GRADERS STARTS ON OCT 4. Classes will be on Sunday nights (through April 11) in the CLC (Gym) with snacks provided. Questions? Contact Janice Blair at jblair@eastminsterpres.org.

SUNDAYS @5 CLASSES ARE 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.

SOAP READINGS: JOURNEY THROUGH JOHN HAVE BEGUN! 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 11 am and again at 7 pm (in-person or via Zoom) on Wednesdays through Oct 21. It's not too late to catch up and join in! Email now@eastminsterpres.org to let us know whether you'd prefer 11 am or 7 pm, and in person or via Zoom. Now is the time.

YOUTH MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES ARE ON WEDNESDAYS (7-8:30 PM). MS will meet in the field (or another outdoor location) beginning this Wednesday (9/30) for a group meal and then single-gendered studies. High School will meet in the CLC (Gym) for dinner and then break-out into classrooms.

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. 29: Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Ratatouille, Vegetable Blend and Bread Sticks

Thurs., Oct. 1: Chili, Potato Skins, Corn Nuggets & Corn Bread

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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Leighton King Good by his parents, Alyssa and Chesley Good. Flowers in the narthex are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Frances Louise Ford by her grandparents. **Flowers in the Trenholm Road entrance** are in loving memory of Edith Strasburger, from her memorial service on Friday.