

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

Fantasia in D

Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

All: In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, let us share the Good News in deed and in word!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my Power.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.
2. All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

*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.

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 8

Scripture Focus: Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Good News Travels Faster" Discernment Report Three

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #538**

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

***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.

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. 18, 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.

FIELD WORSHIP WILL MOVE TO 11:15 AM NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 18. We will gather in the field for Field Worship at 11:15 am. (Pods or Cars 87.7 FM) 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME THIS FALL: There are three in-person Children's Times on Sundays: 8:30–9:30 am for 3K-5K *through today only, and 5-6 pm in the Sanctuary for 1st-5th graders. There is also a new "School House Sunday School" for 1st-5th grades from 10-11 a.m. in the CLC (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." *Beginning next Sunday, October 18, the time will move to 11:15 a.m. to mirror new Field Worship time.

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS THIS THURSDAY, OCT. 15. Donations of pasta salad, pound cakes & bananas are due to the McGowan's house by 4 p.m. Servers should be at Transitions at 5 pm. Don't forget the hot sauce—To help, email Alison at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS SAT, OCT. 24 IN THE CLC from 8 am to 1 pm. Online sign-up will be available soon. Give the gift of life again this fall. Questions about CLC Ministries? Contact Emmet Hough at ehough@eastminsterpres.org.

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS OCT. 25. Look for a Stewardship letter with your pledge card, and a return envelope via USPS mail. You may also pledge online. Questions about tithing options at EPC, contact Christy Rippy (Treasurer) at crippy@eastminsterpres.org.

PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY OCT. 25. Drop off jars of peanut butter in the bins under the CLC portico from Oct. 25—Oct 29 (Thursday meal pick up) for this month's Harvest Hope Peanut Butter Drive.

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., Oct 13: Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Fried Green Beans & Yeast Rolls

Thurs., Oct. 15: Chicken & Sausage Bog, Green Beans, Pickled Beets & Corn Bread

October 11, 2020

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE HERE! The pre-printed boxes will be on tables in the field, the courtyard breezeway, and outside the CLC doors. Please look for a central location to begin returning boxes beginning Oct. 25. Filled boxes with a check to Samaritan's Purse should be returned to the church Oct 25 - Nov 22. Details on where to drop them off to come. Questions about OCC? Contact Beth Oliver at betholiver2@yahoo.com.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED! Does the chillier air bring on a longing for white-lit Frasier Firs, living Nativity scenes and children's voices singing "Silent Night"? If so, will you consider writing a devotional for our Advent booklet and e-devotionals this year? We are looking for writers now! Share your story and insights to help our readers prepare their minds and hearts for Christ's birth. Email cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to volunteer to write a 300-450 word devotional for this upcoming Advent season. She'll reply to you with details and deadline dates.

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.

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