

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. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 112

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Leader: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

All: Their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

HYMN OF ADORATION #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer Art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
5. Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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. Bradley D. Smith

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: Matthew 6:19-21

Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What the Cheerful Giver Knows"

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1. **A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**
2. **Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**

*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.

Nov. 1, 2020

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO DEDICATION SUNDAY. Pledge cards are available to fill out and leave in baskets this morning. You should have received a Stewardship letter with a pledge card, and a return envelope via USPS mail. Pledge online under the CONTRIBUTE tab (top right), or via Quick Link. Questions about tithing options at EPC, contact Christy Rippy (Treasurer) at crippy@eastminsterpres.org.

THANK YOU TO GLEN ADAMS, BAGPIPER, FOR PROVIDING PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE music this morning, as well as the passing of the peace music.

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 HAS MOVED TO 11:15 AM. We will gather in the field for Outdoor Worship (Pods or Cars 87.7 FM), or in-person worship at 9 am in the Sanctuary (must RSVP). Live streaming is 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: We have four in-person Children's Times on Sundays: 11:15 am–12:15 pm for 3K-5K, and 5-6 pm in the Sanctuary for 1st-5th graders. "School House Sunday School" for 1st-5th grades is from 10-11 am in the CLC (271-273) New this week is an outdoor 10 am playground time for walking toddlers—5K. Attendance is limited for all four, so you must RSVP. Go to Quick Links on our website (www.eastminsterpres.org) "RSVP for Children's Times on Sundays."

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

TRUNK-OR-TREAT THIS AFTERNOON FOR 5K AND YOUNGER. We will safely celebrate in the Upper Medway lot. There will be two afternoon shifts: (3:45-4:15 pm and 4:30-5 pm) See email from Croskeys with sign-up and details. Volunteers needed!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MOVIE IN THE FIELD! Join us tonight from 5-6:30 pm for "Coco." See emails from Douglass and Nick with details.

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 pm. 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 27: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Haricot Green Beans, Fried Mushrooms, Fried Mozzarella, Bread Sticks
Thurs., Oct. 29: Panko Chicken Breast, Roasted Potato Blend, Squash Casserole, Fried Green Beans & Rolls

October 25, 2020

S.O.A.P. APPROACH TO READING SCRIPTURE CONTINUES THIS WEEK with the Book of Esther. Discussions with Pastors Brad and Douglass are also being offered to dig a little deeper. Go to now@eastminsterpres.org to sign-up for either the 11 am or 7 pm session. Daily readings are on Quick Links as well as in the Daily Devotional footers.

LYNN TEMPLE JONES LIBRARY REOPENS! We are thrilled to reopen for our members, staff, EDS families and visitors to enjoy! Before entering, please read over and abide by the posted procedures to better protect you and all of our patrons. Face masks required. Questions? Contact cbennett@eastminsterpres.org, or 256-1654 (ext. 124).

LOOK FOR INFORMATION SOON ON THE CLC REOPENING. CLC members will be receiving an email with the re-open date, hours of operation, and safety instructions. Questions? Contact CLC Director Emmet Hough at ext. 159.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES are available on tables in the field, outside the CLC entrance, and by the dinner pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Filled boxes, with payment to Samaritan's Purse enclosed, should be returned to the church by Nov 22. Return them to the same places on Sunday, or to the church reception desk weekdays. Questions about OCC? Contact Beth Oliver at betholiver2@yahoo.com.

INTERGENERATIONAL POTATO-GLEANING SERVICE PROJECT NOV 6 & 7—See emails from Croskeys with sign-up link (About 50 total volunteers needed). Friday afternoon a small group will unload potatoes; on Saturday morning, in the upper Medway lot, a larger group will “glean” or pick out the good ones for volunteers to deliver to places in need. Contact Croskeys with questions at croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

“VIRTUAL SONGFEST” IS NOV. 9 AT 7 PM VIA LIVE FEED, featuring the Chancel Choir, Jubilee Singers and organist Joshua Evanovich. You will be able to send in hymn requests. More details to come.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ADVENT RETREAT! Saturday, Dec. 5, plan to spend the afternoon at Sesquicentennial State Park. Stay tuned for time and more details. Contact Laura Self at selflauraks@gmail.com for more information.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Dickerson by his family, Sissy, Kim, John, Charles, Sanders and Will.