

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

Sonata in A (Allegretto)

Franck

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together as One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

People: We worship as one, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

Leader: We are called to the hope of one calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: One God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #442

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

***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

Sellas William Hardin

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Love Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

1. **Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**
2. **Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.” Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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: Ephesians 4:1-6

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 4:17-24

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Sensitivity in an Age of Stimulation"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

1. Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.
2. Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.
3. Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.
4. Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again; faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

*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

Sellas William Hardin, son of Sarah Anne and Jonathan Hardin, will receive the sacrament of baptism. Deacon Gabriel DiBiase 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.

November 22, 2020

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Year Dedication Sunday number of pledges	314
Last Year Dedication Sunday number of pledges	329

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD. You may drop it by the church office, or mail it to the church. If you need another pledge card, contact Kelly Fernet at ext. 127. You may also pledge online

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under the CONTRIBUTE tab (top right), or via the Quick Link. Questions about tithing options at EPC, contact Christy Rippy (Treasurer) at crippy@eastminsterpres.org.

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.

S.W.A.G. CANCELED FOR THIS EVENING. JOIN US ON NOV 22. With conflicts in December, our evening time for elementary children will meet just once more to prepare for and record a Christmas Song for Traditional Worship on December 13. Hope to see your “Swaggers” in the Sanctuary from 5-6 pm next Sunday!

S.O.A.P. APPROACH TO SCRIPTURE: CONTINUE THE JOURNEY. Dig into Psalms & Ephesians with Douglass Key on Wednesdays (11 am in the Adult Reception Hall or 7 pm on Zoom), or by reading along daily. Each day’s passages will be in the Daily Devotional footer as well as under Quick Links. Email now@eastminsterpres.org to sign up for one of Wednesday’s pastor-led discussions.

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS NOV. 19. Please bring donations of pasta salad, pound cakes, and **clementines** (NOTE: no bananas in Nov. or Dec., only clementines) to the McGowan’s by 4 pm on Thursday. If you would like to help serve the meal at Transitions or to let Alison know what you are donating this time, please contact her via email (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.)

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., Nov. 17: Pork Tenderloin, Harvest Rice Pilaf, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Copper Penny Salad, Rolls

Thurs., Nov. 19: Sliced Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Roasted Root Vegetables, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Yeast Rolls.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES are still available on tables in the field and outside the CLC entrance. Filled boxes with a check for \$9 made out to Samaritan’s Purse should be returned to the church by Nov. 22. Want to donate a box, but not comfortable shopping? Please write a check to EPC for \$25/box (\$9 shipping and \$16 to fill the box) and another EPC member will be glad to shop for you! Questions about OCC? Contact Beth Oliver at betholiver2@yahoo.com.

SIGN UP FOR THE ADVENT RETREAT! Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 10 am, plan to spend the afternoon at Sesquicentennial Park. We will enjoy a picnic lunch and then your choice of kickball, a hike, or simply fellowship. Sign up via Quick Links now. Contact Laura Self at selflauraks@gmail.com if you have questions.

THE FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS and Honoraria to decorate the Sanctuary with live greenery and poinsettias for Christmas. Forms are located in the reception areas around the church campus. Enclose a check for \$25 made out to Eastminster Flower Guild for each listing. Return forms by Dec. 8 to the attention of Julie McDaniel.

THE CLC HAS REOPENED! Temporary hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday - Friday. Members will need to sign up for 40-minute time slots to use the facilities each week via Quick Links. If you have questions, please contact Emmet Hough, Director of the CLC, at 256-1654 (ext. 159).

ALL EASTMINSTER WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL JOY GIFT TEA on Monday, Dec. 14 from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Breezeway and Courtyard between the Sanctuary and Thompson Hall. Please wear your mask and come to enjoy a time of fellowship with all women of the church. We will be collecting for the Annual Joy Gift and also for the Women’s Shelter Christmas shopping.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the first year of life of Kelsey Todd Maddox by her family.