

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

Kristen Harris, violin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION: THORNWELL VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: **Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving.**

Leader: It is good to give you thanks, O God.

All: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.**

HYMN OF ADORATION #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to the final harvest home. Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

*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. 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 6:1-4

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 6:10-20

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What Are You Wearing?"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

1. **For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**
2. **For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**
3. **For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**
4. **For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**
5. **For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

***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

Thanksgiving medley

arr. Evanovich

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. 29, 2020

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Year Dedication Sunday plus 3 weeks	339
Last Year Dedication Sunday number of pledges	339

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 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.

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

TONIGHT IS THE FINAL SWAG SESSION FOR 2020. Due to conflicts in December, our evening time for elementary children will finish up tonight as we rehearse and record our Christmas Song for Traditional Worship on December 13. Hope to see your "Swaggers" (dressed for Christmas) in the Sanctuary from 5-6 p.m. Contact Fredna Lee with questions (flee@eastminsterpres.org).

YOUTH BAND CONCERT TONIGHT (5-6 PM) IN THE FIELD. This is for Middle and High School youth as well as anyone who would like to hear good music while offering support to these young musicians. Contact Nick Demuyne with questions (ndemuyne@eastminsterpres.org).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE DUE BACK TODAY. If you forgot to bring your shoebox to worship today, filled boxes with a check to Samaritan's Purse (\$9) may be returned to the table on the Field during **tonight's** Youth Band concert (5-6 p.m.), or tomorrow to the office at the Medway entrance between 8:30-5 pm. Questions about OCC? Contact Beth Oliver at 803-622-5384.

CIRCLE OF GIVING AND ST. LAWRENCE PLACE DINNER! This year we will combine the Homeless No More gift drive for the children at St. Lawrence Place and the Family Shelter with the Circle of Giving drive which also serves families in shelters. Children will receive age appropriate gifts and families will receive baskets of household supplies. Please go to eastminsterpres.org to see the page of options from which to choose. The gifts are to be delivered to the Reception area by Dec. 11. We hope you'll participate with your children, Sunday School class, small groups or individually.

November 22, 2020

TO-GO DINNER MENU FOR THIS WEEK - TUESDAY ONLY! 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. (*Meal pick-up time will move to 5:15-6:00 p.m. in December as the days are now shorter.

Tues., Nov. 23: Loaded Beef Taco Bowl

ALL EASTMINSTER WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL JOY GIFT TEA. On Monday, Dec. 14, drop by the Breezeway and Courtyard (between the Sanctuary and Thompson Hall) between 11:30 am and 1 pm. 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 Women's Shelter Christmas shopping.

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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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).

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in love and thanksgiving for the lives of Henry and Susan DaVega and in memory of Ellen DaVega by their family, Susan Gibbins, Anita Rownd and Michael DaVega.