

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

Fran Sullivan, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Christine Sine, "Godspace"

Leader: God is the eternal rock: from year's end to a new beginning, and forward day by day.

People: God is faithful: In each day God is present; in each action God comes close.

Leader: Through all eternity God is trustworthy: yesterday, today and forever.

All: Sustaining, enlivening, making all things new; God is the eternal rock.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #150

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

1. As with gladness men on old did that guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts more rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasure bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the Narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

1. He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forever more.
2. He came down that we may have light; hallelujah forever more.
3. He came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forever more.
4. He came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forever more.

*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. Demuyneck

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: Exodus 3:1-6

Scripture Focus: Exodus 3:7-15

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A New Beginning"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassion they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**
2. **Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**
3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #192

Shine, Jesus, Shine (refrain only)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

POSTLUDE

Star of Light

Joshua Evanovich

Sarah Evanovich and Amy Darnell

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.

January 10, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Status Report as of December 29, 2020

Thank you to those who have pledged. If you have not yet pledged, please join us in pledging to support Christ's work through Eastminster in 2020.

244 Pledges Increased

108 Pledges With No Change

33 Pledges Decreased

51 New Pledges

For a total of 436 pledges totaling \$3,538,662

109 Pledges were made for 2020, but not yet for 2021

11:15 AM FIELD WORSHIP HAS TEMPORARILY MOVED INSIDE! You will need to make a reservation for sanctuary worship each week (100 max). This will remain a casual and contemporary worship service led by Jubilee musicians.

ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE OPTIONS BEGIN JAN 10. Parents, please see emails from Croskeys for RSVPs and details.

PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE VIA QUICK LINKS. To add a member to our prayer list, contact Sarah Beasley at ext. 122.

TUES/THURS TO-GO MEALS WILL RETURN ON JANUARY 5. Please RSVP via Quick Links at www.eastminsterpres.org each week.

Tues., Jan. 5: Chicken Casserole, Rice infused with Spinach, Glazed Carrots, Fried Squash & Rolls

Thurs., Jan. 7: Beef Medallions with Demi Glaze, Roasted Potatoes and Onions, Haricot Vert Green Beans, Fried Mushrooms & Cheese Biscuits

Second Sunday of Christmas, January 3, 2021

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING'S MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE has begun. Visit the eastminsterpres.org Quick Link to learn more, and for resources to recruit family and friends across South Carolina to help feed the hungry. The time is now! Please sign up to help.

SUNDAYS@5 ACTS: "HOW APOSTLES ACT" CLASS KICK-OFF JAN 10 -This twelve-week study of how the disciple community ventured through unfamiliar territory is not unlike our own current path. Join Dr. Douglass Key ZOOM or in-person (Adult Reception Hall) Jan. 10-March 28. Sign up soon via Quick Links.

S.O.A.P APPROACH WEDNESDAY DISCUSSIONS START BACK ON JAN. 6. Join pastors in-person on Wednesdays at 11 am in the Adult Reception Hall or via ZOOM at 7 pm for a journey through Exodus. Send an email to now@eastminsterpres.org specifying which group you'll be joining.

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP IN JANUARY? There are a few groups kicking off 2021 with exciting new studies and room for new members! Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org to find the right group for you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY ON JANUARY 31! Pastor Nick and Youth leaders are working with high school youth as they prepare to preach, teach, usher and lead us for all worship services that day.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.