

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

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth;

People: Who gives us the commandments and the courage to do what is right,

Leader: Who calls us to turn away from worship of the ways of the world around us

People: And confess Him alone as Savior, Ruler and Lord.

All: This is our God! Let's worship together.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. *(Refrain)* Dance then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. *(Refrain)*
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)*
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He Is Lord

He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*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.

PRESENTATION OF THE CRADLE ROLL

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: Luke 10:25-30

Scripture Focus: Exodus 7:1-7, 13-14, 22

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Exodus Part 2

"The Plague of Hardened Hearts"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*CHARGE and BENEDECTION

*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

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 17, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

2020 Cradle Roll

Elijah Harvey Taylor January 10, 2020	Beckham Burr Frazier March 24, 2020	Sellas William Hardin July 9, 2020
Guy Earl Johnson January 20, 2020	Nell Gibbons Clark April 10, 2020	Leighton Virginia Bunch August 26, 2020
Cooper James Turner February 18, 2020	Frances Louise Ford April 23, 2020	Gibson Lawrence St. John August 28, 2020
Henry Norris Rhodes March 5, 2020	Charles Warren Colpini May 3, 2020	David Walker Strasburger September 24, 2020
Robert Boyce Spitz March 6, 2020	William Beau Snell May 6, 2020	Louisa Bellamy Kilpatrick November 4, 2020
Charles Watson Lovelace March 12, 2020	Katherine Riley Scott May 13, 2020	Forrest Alexander Salter December 7, 2020
Ann Gwendolyn Propst March 15, 2020	Ellery Ruth Bryant June 10, 2020	Victor Breeden John December 12, 2020
Margaret Rankin Livingston March 16, 2020	Ellie James Stokes June 30, 2020	John Gilchrist Griffin December 20, 2020
Anna Frances Cope March 20, 2020	Eleanor Griffin Wilkerson July 2, 2020	Hudson Palmer Belk December 22, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021

Pledge Status Report as of January 4, 2021

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.

245 Pledges Increased

108 Pledges With No Change

34 Pledges Decreased

55 New Pledges

For a total of 442 pledges totaling \$3,559,162

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

ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE OPTIONS BEGIN TODAY. Parents please see emails from Croskeys for RSVP's and details. You can sign-up each week via the Sunday RSVPs Quick Link at www.eastminsterpres.org.

HS AND MS YOUTH MEETINGS UPDATE: Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in our community and congregation this winter, for the well-being of our youth, youth leaders, and everyone involved in our shared ministries, we are going to pause in-person Youth events until Ash Wednesday, February 17. Please check ENews for Zoom links to weekly events.

SUNDAYS@5 ACTS CLASS BEGINS TONIGHT. This twelve-week study of how the disciple community ventured through unfamiliar territory is not unlike our own current path. Join Dr. Douglass Key via ZOOM or in-person in the Adult Reception Hall, Jan. 10-March 28. Sign up via Quick Links.

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.

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

EPW CIRCLES 1 & 3 JOINT MEETING IS TOMORROW AT 10:30 AM. Join us in the sanctuary for fellowship with other Eastminster women (safely distanced) and a short time for devotion and prayer. You may also join via the LIVE FEED button on our website Sarah Beasley ext. 122).

TUES/THURS TO-GO MEALS MENUS FOR NEXT WEEK. Please RSVP via Quick Links at www.eastminsterpres.org each week.

Jan. 12: Loaded Taco Bowl with Chicken, Mexican Egg Roll, Sour Cream & Salsa

Jan. 14: Spare Ribs, Dirty Rice, Green beans, Corn Nuggets & Hush Puppies

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.

S.O.A.P APPROACH WED PM DISCUSSIONS BEGAN ON JAN. 6. Join pastors via ZOOM on Wednesdays at 11 am OR 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 2021? 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.

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CLASS OF 2023 (11:15 AM)

The Eastminster congregation elected candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon on Sunday, July 26, 2020. Following their election these officers-elect began an 11-week training program. This training culminated in two examinations by the Session who then set aside today as the Sunday for Ordination and Installation. The following officers are presented this morning to be ordained and/or installed:

ELDERS:

Liz Agee, Jeff Casto, Randy Cottrell, Alex Dillard, Jane Francis, Linda Long, Alison McGowan, Susi McWilliams, Bruce Moseley, Beth Oliver

DEACONS:

Carmen Atkins, Ann Cameron, Elizabeth Crouch, Dustin Curtis, Warren Darby, Shannon McCutchen, Charlie Mimms, Thomas Rhodes, Teresa Shelton, Amy Teas