

## 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

*Alleluia*

Camille Saint-Saens

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the sight of our ancestors, God worked marvels.

**People: God divided the sea and let them pass through it;**

Leader: Guided them each day with a cloud and each night with fire.

**All: Let us tell of God's marvelous works to all generations. Let us worship the Lord!**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #81

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. **Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**
2. **Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

## RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #421

*Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

IRISH

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within: pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.**

## \*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 "2021 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 21:28-32

**Scripture Focus:** Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON:**

"Strike the Rock"

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION #497**

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

ARGENTINE SANTO/BREAK NOW THE BREAD

**Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again. Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. Drink of the cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with every breath, praise the One in whom you are reborn. Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Invitation to the Table of the Lord**

**The Sursum Corda**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto The Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Abide with Me*

arr. Joshua Evanovich

9 am Traditional service

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

**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](mailto: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 31, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pledge Status Report as of January 18, 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 2021.

248 Pledges Increased

110 Pledges With No Change

36 Pledges Decreased

59 New Pledges

For a total of 453 pledges totaling \$3,635,492

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

**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 Rippey (Treasurer) at [crippy@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:crippy@eastminsterpres.org).

Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 24, 2021

9 am Traditional service

**ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOR SUNDAY AM.** Parents please see emails from Croskeys for RSVPs and details. You can sign-up each week via the Sunday RSVPs Quick Link at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org).

**THE CARE LINE IS AVAILABLE—NEED HELP, WANT TO HELP?** If you need assistance during this pandemic with grocery shopping or errands, or want to help a member who does, contact Sarah Beasley at [sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org) to sign up. Sponsored by Congregational Care ministry.

**TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY.** After our collection each fourth Sunday, your peanut butter donations are delivered to Harvest Hope Food Bank.

**SWAG RETURNS FOR GRADES 1-5 AT 5PM TONIGHT IN THE SANCTUARY.** Music and devotional time with Fredna & Croskeys is back. You must RSVP each time via Quick Links on our website.

**THE CLC WALKING TRACK IS OPEN WITH LIMITED ACCESS** (Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.) Visit our website's Quick Links to sign up beginning on Thursdays. Contact Emmet Hough, CLC Director, at [ehough@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:ehough@eastminsterpres.org) if you have questions.

**SUNDAYS@5 ACTS CLASS RESUMES 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 (Adult Reception Hall) through April 18. Sign up via Quick Links.

**ATTN: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS.** Due to the surge of COVID 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 look for texts from Nick and Bethany for ZOOM info for Sunday School, Sunday PM Youth Groups and Wednesday PM Bible Studies.

**TUES/THURS TO-GO MEALS MENUS FOR THIS WEEK:** Please RSVP via Quick Links at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) each week.

Jan. 26: Pork Tenderloin, Rice, Northern Beans, Collard Greens & Corn Bread

Jan. 28: Fried Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Fried Green Tomatoes & Cheese Biscuits

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING'S MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** has begun. Visit the Quick Links at [eastminsterpres.org](http://eastminsterpres.org) to learn more, and for resources to recruit family and friends across South Carolina to help feed the hungry. The time is now! To learn more, contact LeeAnn Harris at [rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com](mailto:rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com).

**P.E.P. JOINS COLLEGE MINISTRY TEAM IN GUIDING STUDENTS.** Who better to mentor EPC College Students in their faith journeys than members of PEP? If you would like to join others who have committed to walk with one or more children of Eastminster during their college years, contact Starr Lawson, PEP Chair, at [starrlawson@gmail.com](mailto:starrlawson@gmail.com).

**S.O.A.P APPROACH WED AM/PM DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY.** Join pastors virtually on Wednesdays at 11 am or 7 pm via ZOOM for a journey through Exodus. Send an email to [now@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:now@eastminsterpres.org) specifying which group you'll be joining. In-person discussions are temporarily on hold.

**PRAYER MATTERS, A BEHIND THE SCENES MINISTRY AT EPC.** If you are interested in serving in a wonderful way this year, join Prayer Matters. Pray for church families for a week and then send them a note to let them know. Contact Rev. Lynn Grandsire to sign up or learn more.

**EPW INVITES YOU TO "THE VINE" ON FEBRUARY 4 FROM 6-8PM** with guest speaker Rev. Angela Ford-Nelson. Join us in the Sanctuary (100 Max), or via LIVE FEED . Contact Sarah Beasley with questions at [sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org).

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Abb Jeffcoat, Jr.