

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

Psalm 24

I. Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Bob Moore

II. The King of Glory

Joshua Evanovich

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

People: Glorious and majestic are God's deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: God provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is the Lord.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow God's precepts have good understanding.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
5. **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see “tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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.

Psalm 51

*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

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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. 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: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Scripture Focus: Exodus 24:1-8

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Covenant or Convenience?"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #722 (v. 1, 2, 5)

That I May Speak

CANONBURY

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*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

Etude

Maria Nyikos, Horn

9 am Traditional service

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.

February 7, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPW'S "THE VINE" IS THIS THURSDAY, FEB. 4 FROM 6 – 8 PM 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.

ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOR SUNDAY MORNING. 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.

MOVIE NIGHT (SOUL) TONIGHT IN THE FIELD AT 6:15 PM. Admission is free, but please bring a canned good or a donation for Souper Bowl of Caring. BYO Snacks! We will stay in our cars.

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 to sign up. Sponsored by Congregational Care ministries.

SWAG FOR GRADES 1-5 AT 5 PM 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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Visit our website's Quick Links to sign up beginning on Thursdays. (Emmet Hough, CLC Director, ehough@eastminsterpres.org)

SUNDAYS@5 ACTS CLASS CONTINUES TONIGHT. This 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.

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

Feb 2: Homemade Hamburger Steak w/Onions & Gravy, Boiled Potatoes, Seasoned Vegetables, Creamed Corn

Feb 4: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Peas Mushrooms & Pearl Onions, Buttered Carrots

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! To learn more, contact LeeAnn Harris at rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com.

PEP 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.

S.O.A.P APPROACH WEDNESDAY 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

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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 (lgrandsire@eastminsterpres.org) to sign up or learn more.

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