

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: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord, our God.

People: **Jesus is the Bread of life.**

Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

People: **Give us the bread of hope so that we may also feed others.**

All: **Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

1. **Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
2. **Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
3. **Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

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 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. Lynn A. Grandsire

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 13:31-32

Scripture Focus: John 6:1, 5-13, 35-36

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Please Pass the Bread"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

1. **Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**
2. **Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**
3. **Your spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

***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

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 14, 2021

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY! Today's Special Offering will help fight hunger in The Midlands. The S.C. Million Dollar Challenge will continue through February 28. Youth will be holding soup pots for donations as you exit worship. Canned goods can be dropped off at the CLC, the Church Office, Thompson Hall entrance, or on Tuesday/Thursday drive-through meal pick-up (CLC portico) through the month of February. Let's tackle hunger together! To learn more, contact LeeAnn Harris at rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com.

TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY CELEBRATING all those who participate in troops including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Daisy Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cadettes. To learn more about scouting at EPC, contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

NEW PROTOCOLS FOR YOUTH AND ADULT EVENTS on the EPC campus can be viewed on Quick Links (www.eastminsterpres.org) under "Gathering Safely in 2021." Contact Janice Blair with questions at 803.256-1654 ext. 168.

ATTN: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS. Beginning this morning, there will be a limited in-person Sunday School option for MS and HS youth. Nick and Bethany will communicate additional in-person opportunities as we safely roll those out over the coming weeks including Sunday evening Youth Groups and Wednesday evening Bible Studies.

EPW JOINT CIRCLE MEETING IS TOMORROW AT 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary (100 Max—Masks required), or via LIVE FEED. Join us for fellowship and an update on the 2022 Women's Retreat. Anne Sieling will be leading our devotion time.

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

Feb 9: Pork tenderloin w/Mushroom brie sauce over Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Fried Squash
Feb 11: Pepper Steak Stir Fry, Lo Mein, Egg Rolls, Vegetable Blend & Fortune Cookies

SWAG ELEMENTARY PROGRAM (SUNDAY EVENINGS) RESUMES ON FEB. 21. Look for updates from Croskeys & Fredna on the upcoming Easter/Lenten Program.

JOIN US FEB. 17 IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7 PM FOR THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.

Please make a reservation beginning Feb. 11 via Quick Links. As with Sunday morning services, 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. The service will be livestreamed as well.

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 the Congregational Care ministry.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 7, 2021

9 am Traditional service

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 THRU APRIL 18. 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). Sign up via Quick Links.

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.

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