

## 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

*Lenten Meditation*

Kristen Harris, violin

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

**People: It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...**

Leader: In the Lord is our trust, our Protector and Provider...

**People: Let us worship our faithful Lord.**

**All: Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #166

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
2. As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.
3. And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.
4. Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

## RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #287

*Gracious Spirit, Hear our Pleading*

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

**Refrain: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.**

## \*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**

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 4:14-21

**Scripture Focus:** Luke 4:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON:**

"Tested by Temptation"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## **\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #832**

*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

**Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.**

1. There’s no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides. My voice cries to God from the flood, and I’m saved because of his blood.

**Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.**

2. It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins. I’m redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart’s praise.

**Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.**

3. When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God’s holy throne, my heart will not have any fear; in Christ’s righteousness I am here.

**Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.**

## **\*CHARGE and BENECTION**

## **\*RESPONSE TO THE BENECTION**

*Amen*

Peter Lutkin

9 am Traditional service

## POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Joshua Evanovich

## 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.

February 28, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SC MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE IS NOW** through next Sunday. Canned goods and donations can be dropped off at the CLC on Sundays after worship, or in one of the bins on campus (Church Office & Thompson Hall entrances), or on Tuesday/Thursday at the drive-through meal pick-up (CLC portico). Let's tackle hunger together! To learn more, contact LeeAnn Harris at [rustyandleecann@sc.rr.com](mailto:rustyandleecann@sc.rr.com) or visit [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org).

**SWAG ELEMENTARY PROGRAM RESUMES TONIGHT.** 1st - 5th graders join us on Sunday nights as we walk through the Lenten Season together with some music, devotionals, and activities with a Lenten theme inspired by Ellie Holcomb's song, "Fear Not." We'll meet from 5-6 pm in the Sanctuary. Must RSVP each week. Contact Croskeys Royall ([croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org)), or Fredna Lee ([flee@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:flee@eastminsterpres.org)) with questions.

**THE FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS & HONORARIA** for Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Return your donation form to the church office with a check made out to EPC (\$20 each). The deadline is Monday, March 22. You may take your lily home after the 9 am service on Easter Sunday. Donation forms can be found on Quick Links at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org).

**S.O.A.P WEDNESDAY AM/PM VIRTUAL DISCUSSIONS DURING LENT.** Join us Wednesdays beginning Feb. 24 at 12 NOON or at 7 pm for our Lenten Study, "Lunch with Luke," via ZOOM for a journey through Luke. Email [now@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:now@eastminsterpres.org) specifying which group you'll be joining. Daily Scripture readings and ZOOM links can be found via [www.eastminsterpres.org/Quick Links](http://www.eastminsterpres.org/Quick Links).

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

Feb 23: Mexican Chicken Tetrazzini, Roasted Zucchini & Mushrooms, Mango & Avocado Salsa, Tortilla Chips.

Feb 25: Beef Petite Medallions w/Roasted Garlic Aioli, Twice Baked Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Fried Mushrooms & Garlic Bread.

**FIELD WORSHIP RETURNS ON FEB. 28 (WEATHER PERMITTING).** Join us in the "Field" for contemporary worship led by Jubilee Musicians. Park and walk to a pod, or worship from your car. (Tune in to 87.7 FM)

First Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2021

9 am Traditional service

**FEB. 28 IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY.** Drop off a jar at the Harvest Hope bins (church office reception and CLC reception) or when you pick up your Tues/Thurs meal next week. Your donations each fourth Sunday help fight hunger in The Midlands.

**FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT IS FEBRUARY 28 IN THE FIELD** for Children and Youth ministries. Join us for Disney Pixar's "SOUL" at 6:30 pm. Admission is free, but donations of money & canned goods are appreciated (Feb 28 is the last day of SC's Million Dollar Challenge.) We will stay in our cars and tune in to 87.7 FM. EPC facilities will not be available.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SUNDAYS MARCH 14-MAY 2, 5-6:45 PM.** The Marriage Course is to help enrich your marriage through better practices in communication, conflict resolution, family dynamics, intimacy, and forgiveness. This 7-week commitment can speak to every couple at every stage. EPC is offering this course free of charge. Contact Laura Long at [llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org) with questions. Sign up via Quick Links to join us virtually.

**HYBRID OPTIONS & PROTOCOL UPDATES FOR NED** are on the website under Quick Links ([www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org)) -"Gathering Safely in 2021." Contact Janice Blair with questions at (803) 256-1654 ext. 168.

**DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR HOSPITALITY?** Join the EASTMINSTER GREETER MINISTRY. We currently need greeters for the 9:00 and 11:15 am worship services. Please email Laura Long at [llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org) to volunteer.

**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 Thursday afternoon. (Emmet Hough, Dir., [ehough@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:ehough@eastminsterpres.org))

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Abb Jeffcoat, III. **Flowers in the Narthex** are giving in memory of Florence Moffett Fowler by her family, Lewis, Ellen, Wesley and Ginger.