

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who lifts high the persecuted.

People: Glorious is our God, who finds the lost.

All: Wonderful is the God of Christ, whom we bow before in worship.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1. **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.**
3. **You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

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.

*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

9 am Traditional service

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Psalm 37:1-6

Scripture Focus: Luke 6:17-26

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Does God Have a Double Standard?"

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HYMN OF PREPARATION #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

1. **Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**
3. **I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

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

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;**

Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2021

- thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
 4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

Amen

Peter Lutkin

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.

March 7, 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY. Join for the Lord's Supper either in-person or virtually.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTIONS END TODAY. Canned goods and donations can be dropped off at the CLC after worship, or in one of the bins on campus (Church Office & Thompson Hall entrances & CLC portico). Thank you to all who participated in February. If you have questions about how to report your total donations, contact LeeAnn Harris at rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com or visit www.tacklehunger.org.

TODAY 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 Tuesday/Thursday meal this week. Your donations each fourth Sunday help fight hunger in The Midlands.

MARCH PRAYER CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY. To add a member to our Prayer List, contact Sarah Beasley at sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org.

FIELD WORSHIP RETURNS TODAY AT 11:15 AM. Join us in the "Field" for contemporary worship led by Jubilee Musicians. Park and walk to a pod wearing your mask to and from, or worship from your car. (Tune in to 87.7 FM) No RSVPs required. Inclement weather location is in the Sanctuary; casual dress still applies.

9 am Traditional service

MOVIE NIGHT IS TONIGHT IN THE CLC GYM for Children and Youth ministries. Join us for Disney Pixar's "SOUL" at 6:30 pm sharp. Arrive in time to set up your chairs. Admission is free, but SBOC donations of money and/or canned goods are appreciated. Today is the last day of SC's Million Dollar Challenge.

SWAG ELEMENTARY LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES TONIGHT. 1st - 5th graders join us on Sunday nights as we walk through the Lenten Season with music, devotionals, and activities with a Lenten theme inspired by Ellie Holcomb's song, "Fear Not." SWAG meets from 5-6 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Croskeys Royall (croyall@eastminsterpres.org) or Fredna Lee (flee@eastminsterpres.org) with questions. Must RSVP each week.

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

March 2: Lemon Thyme Baked Chicken Breast, Orzo with Mushrooms and Spinach, Vegetable Blend, Fried Green Beans & Rolls

March 4: Meatloaf, Warm German Potato Salad, Maple Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Corn & Biscuits

MARRIAGE COURSE MEETS SUNDAYS, MARCH 14-MAY 2 FROM 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. Contact Laura Long at llong@eastminsterpres.org with questions. Sign up via Quick Links to join us virtually.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT EASTMINSTER or joining in membership? Join us for our First Step class by Zoom on Sunday, March 21 from 2-5 pm. This pastor-led class will give you the tools you need to get more connected into the ministry at EPC. Contact Brian bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org to learn more and to get the Zoom link.

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

THE FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS & HONORARIA for lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter. 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.

S.O.A.P WEDNESDAY MORNING AND EVENING VIRTUAL DISCUSSIONS DURING LENT. Join us Wednesdays at 12 NOON for our Lenten Study, "Lunch with Luke," or at 7 pm via ZOOM for a journey through Luke. Send an email to 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.

HYBRID OPTIONS & PROTOCOL UPDATES FOR NED are on the website under Quick Links (www.eastminsterpres.org) -"Gathering Safely in 2021." Contact Janice Blair with questions at 803.256-1654 ext. 168.

THE CLC WALKING TRACK IS OPEN WITH LIMITED ACCESS (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. 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.

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