

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

Bourree

Wondrous Love

G.F. Handel
arr. J. Evanovich

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In times of desert dryness and utter darkness, God is there.

People: **In the midst of anguished silence and overwhelming storms, God is with us.**

Leader: When we are weary, worried, and wounded, the Lord is there.

People: **Whispering in a still small voice, painting the rainbow across the sky, calming the storm, and giving birth to new life, the Lord alone is God.**

All: **Let us remember the goodness of God and be lifted up, O brothers and sisters, to worship the Lord in humility and in hope!**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for our faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.**
2. **“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**
3. **“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
4. **“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**
5. **“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

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: Genesis 9:12-17

Scripture Focus: Luke 8:22-25

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Faith in the Storms of Life"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

1. **My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**
2. **When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**
3. **His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**
4. **When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in**

9 am Traditional service

his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

May the Road Rise to Meet You

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 14, 2021

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DONATION REPORTS DUE MARCH 15. Visit Quick Links (www.eastminsterpres.org) for access to the flyer with instructions.

MARCH PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY. Visit Quick Links to download the list for March. To add a member to our prayer list, contact Sarah Beasley at sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org.

FIELD WORSHIP (11:15 AM) IS BACK! 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.

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.

SWAG ELEMENTARY LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES TONIGHT. 1st - 5th graders join us on Sunday nights as we walk through the Lenten Season together with music, devotionals, and activities with a Lenten theme and inspired by Ellie Holcomb's song, "Fear Not." We meet 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.

CIRCLES 1 & 3 JOINT MEETING IS TOMORROW AT 10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY. Join other Presbyterian women for fellowship and a time of devotion. All members are invited. You may also Livestream via the LIVE FEED button on the website.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 7, 2021

9 am Traditional service

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF EPC? Join us for our First step class (ZOOM) on March 21 from 2-5pm. This pastor-led class will give you the tools you need to get more connected to the ministries of EPC. Contact Rev. Brian Marsh, bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org, to learn more.

JOIN THE SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE'S CRADLE CROSS MINISTRY. Deliver Cradle Crosses & muffins to parents and their newborns. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to support new parents and their families. Contact Elizabeth Rasor if you'd like to help at epirkle@hotmail.com or (803) 767-5852.

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

March 9: Teriyaki Pork Tenderloin w/Maple Ginger Glaze, Ramen Noodles, Roasted Sesame Bok Choy, Honey Carrots & Fortune Cookies

March 11: Loaded Beef Taco Salad, Southwestern Spring Rolls, Salsa & Sour Cream

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.

LENTEN CONCERT OF PRAISE, PRAYER & PENITENCE, MARCH 18 at 6:15 pm in the Field, featuring EPC musicians and members. RSVP for the fried chicken dinner and pick up at the CLC 5:15 to 6 pm. Join us via pod (masks to and from) or cars (tune in to 87.7 FM)

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.

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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dennis Daye on his 90th birthday Tuesday, and his faithful Stephen ministry, with love from his Stephen Ministry family.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28-April 2:

Stations of the Cross, viewed in Thompson Hall covered breezeway and Courtyard, Please come by the church anytime to pray and meditate on the suffering of our Lord as he journeyed to the cross on our behalf.

Palm Sunday, March 28:

Traditional service, Sanctuary 9 am

Contemporary service, Field, 11:15 am

ONLINE: Traditional Service livestreamed at 9 am; replayed at 11:15 am

Thursday, April 1:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Sanctuary, 7 pm

ONLINE: livestreamed at 7 pm

Friday, April 2:

Good Friday Service, **Field**, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4:

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 am.

Traditional Easter Service, Sanctuary, 9 am

Contemporary Service on the Field, 9:45 am. AND 11:15 am

ONLINE: Traditional Service livestreamed at 9 am; replayed at 11:15 am