

## 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

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

arr. Dennis Johnson

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

**People: Extol him, all you peoples!**

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**People: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #415

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you. Full of pity, love, and power. Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

## RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #287

*Gracious Spirit, Heed 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**

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**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:** Jonah 3:6-10

**Scripture Focus:** Luke 11:29-36

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON:**

"Can I Get a Sign?"

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

### **\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #223**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

1. **When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**
3. **See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

### **\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

### **RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

9 am Traditional service

## POSTLUDE

*Nachspiel*

Johann Pachelbel

## 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.*

March 21, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DONATION REPORTS ARE DUE TOMORROW.** Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and go to Quick Links for access to the flyer with instructions, contact LeeAnn Harris at [rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com](mailto:rustyandleeann@sc.rr.com), or visit [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org).

**MS YOUTH GROUP IS IN-PERSON TONIGHT ON THE FIELD, 5-6:30 PM.** Join us for campfires & s'mores along with games and a devotion. Parents, please bring s'more supplies and/or stay to help monitor campfires. Contact Bethany if you can help [bdixon@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:bdixon@eastminsterpres.org).

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY TO-GO MEALS MENUS FOR THIS WEEK.** Please RSVP via Quick Links at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) each Tuesday/Thursday by noon.

March 16: Pot Roast, Boiled Potatoes, Seasoned Cabbage, Copper Pennies & Rolls

March 18: Fried Chicken, Dirty Rice, Green Beans, Fried Okra & Cheese Biscuits

**PRAISE, PRAYER & PENITENCE LENTEN CONCERT IS MARCH 18**, at 6:15 p.m., in the Field, featuring EPC musicians and members. RSVP for a fried chicken dinner from Regina's Drive-thru (CLC lot) and join us via pod (masks to and from) or cars (tune in to 87.7 FM).

**TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY MEAL IS MARCH 18.** Please deliver your donations of pound cakes, bananas and pasta salad to the McGowan's home by 4:00 p.m. Please contact Alison McGowan at [alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com) to see how you can help.

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

**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).

**YOUTH WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES NOW INCLUDE DINNER**, from 7-7:30 pm, followed by devotion or study. Locations vary. Look for specifics by grade (email or text) from Nick and Bethany. Pick up is at 8:30 pm. Contact Janice Blair at [jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org) if you have questions.

**JOIN THE SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE'S CRADLE CROSS MINISTRY.** Deliver Cradle Crosses and muffins to parents and their newborns. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to support

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2021

9 am Traditional service

new parents and their families. Contact Elizabeth Rasor if you'd like to help at [epirkle@hotmail.com](mailto:epirkle@hotmail.com) or by phone at (803) 767-5852.

**“EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE” FOR BABIES—5K IS MARCH 28, 4-4:45 PM** in the Courtyard or Field (weather permitting). Older siblings are welcome to come and help out. We will hear the Easter Story, hunt for over 2,000 eggs (bring your own basket), enjoy refreshments and possibly see the Easter Bunny. Contact Croskeys Royall with questions at [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

**WORSHIP DISCOVERY FOR SECOND GRADERS BEGINS APRIL 18.** You can sign up now via Quick Links on our website. Your children will learn the basics of what it means to be Presbyterian and receive a Bible at the end of the five-week class. Contact Croskeys Royall with questions at [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

**CORE: “REVIVE” IS SATURDAY, MAY 1, FOR ALL AGES.** Revive your mind, body and soul! Join other EPC and CLC members, EDS parents, neighbors and friends. Featuring guest speakers, live music and healthy vendors. KidCore is also back for ages 5K-5th grade, and free nursery care for children through 4K. Registration will open soon, so be on the lookout! Contact Caroline Bennett at [cbennett@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:cbennett@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in celebration of the marriage of Caroline Hunter Fant and James Hagood Hemphill and in loving memory of Hagood's father, Robert Witherspoon Hemphill, Jr.

### 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