

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

*Berceuse
Speak, Lord, in the Stillness*

Louis Vierne
Donald Hustad

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we walk this Lenten journey, may we turn back to God.
People: Let us turn away from negativity and know-it-all-ness.
Leader: As we walk this Lenten journey, may we put down our agitation and alienation.
People: Let us seek forgiveness and reconciliation, with God and with fellow humans.
All: Let us put down our warring spirits, and receive the spirit of Jesus, even now!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

1. **Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hand the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine.**
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine.**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eleanor Griffin Wilkerson

BAPTISMAL HYMN #482

Baptized In Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

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: Luke 17:11-19

Scripture Focus: Luke 15:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"A Recipe for Joy"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

1. **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
2. **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**
3. **To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.**
4. **And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free,**

9 am Traditional service

I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Maurice Greene

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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Eleanor Griffin Wilkerson, daughter of Elizabeth and Allen Wilkerson, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Deacon Elizabeth Crouch will give the baptismal prayer.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Christina Siokos, member involvement coordinator (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) 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 28, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF EPC? Join us for our First Step Class (ZOOM) today, 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 bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org to learn more.

TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE FOR EASTER LILY DONATIONS to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Donation forms can be found in the reception areas of the church or on Quick Links at www.eastminsterpres.org. Return your form to the church office with a check made out to EPC (\$20 each). Contact Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org) if you have questions. You may take your lily home after the 9 am service on Easter Sunday.

MS YOUTH HAVE MOVED TO THE ARTS&CRAFTS ROOM, THIRD FLOOR CLC, for Sunday School, but will remain in the Courtyard for all other events. All activities are still hybrid (in-person & virtual). See weekly MS newsletter from Bethany Dixon (bdixon@eastminsterpres.org) for virtual access info, or contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions about MS Youth Ministry.

HS YOUTH HAVE MOVED TO MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR CLC, for all weekly programming. All activities are still hybrid (in-person & virtual) See weekly HS newsletter from Nick Demuynck (ndemuynck@eastminsterpres.org) for virtual access info, or contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions about HS Youth Ministry.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21, 2021

9 am Traditional service

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

March 23: Pulled Pork, Rice and Hash, Butterbeans, Corn on the Cob & Hush Puppies

March 25: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Fried Okra & Rolls

YOUTH WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES NOW INCLUDE DINNER, from 7-7:30 pm, followed by devotion or study. MS will eat/study in the Courtyard. HS study will be in the Multi-purpose Room.. Pick up is at 8:30 pm. Contact Janice Blair at jblair@eastminsterpres.org if you have questions.

CLC FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN WITH LIMITED SPOTS! SIGN UP VIA QUICK LINKS.

“EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE” FOR BABIES—5K IS MARCH 28 FROM 4 TO 4:45 PM IN THE COURTYARD. 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.

FAMILY PROMISE VIRTUAL GALA DONATIONS NEEDED BY APRIL 9. Support our mission partner again this year! Make a monetary donation, buy a gift card, buy a ticket and attend, or donate an item for the virtual auction on April 24. Visit www.familypromisemidlands.org to donate. Questions? Contact Christy McWilliams at photosbychristy@gmail.com.

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.

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 with questions.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of Melissa Blair Boyd “Missy” by her family, Austin, Barbara, Scott and Mary Boyd. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Eleanor Griffin Wilkerson by her grandparents, Kim and Avery Wilkerson, and Nancy and Steve Gunby.

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