

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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Heidi Carey, cello and Fran Sullivan, piano

arr. Gary Lanier

arr. Joshua Evanovich

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a week of remembering, reflecting, and re-awakening.

People: Not only was God born in the flesh, but our Lord lived, was crucified, died, and was raised from the dead.

Leader: This past year has taught us about death and discouragement; about yearning for resurrection and new life.

People: Jesus suffered and died to offer forgiveness and new life. In Christ, God faces evil, sin and death.

All: In Jesus the Christ, God defeats the power of darkness, bringing reconciliation, redemption and resurrection, thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
3. Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, lord abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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

Leighton Virginia Bunch

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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 18:18-25

Scripture Focus: Luke 19:1-10

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Inside Out and Upside Down"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

1. **Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.**
2. **Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**
3. **I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

9 am Traditional service

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Heidi Carey, cello

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

Leighton Virginia Bunch, daughter of Alisa and Parks Bunch, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Ansel Bunch, paternal grandfather and officer at First Presbyterian Church (Columbia) will give the baptismal prayer.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Member Involvement Coordinator Christina Siokos (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.

April 4, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. You may drop off a jar of peanut butter to the church office or any of the Harvest Hope bins around campus. You may also drop off during Tuesday/Thursday meal pick-up at the CLC. Your donations each fourth Sunday support Harvest Hope Food Bank.

CONFIRMATION EXAMS ARE TODAY FROM 5-6 PM IN THE CLC GYM. CONFIRMANDS and families, please see correspondence from Pastor Nick Demuynck. Mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday, April 11, at 11:15 am.

"EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE" BABIES—5K IS TODAY (4-4:45 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), play relay games, do some crafts & have snacks. Contact Croskeys Royall with questions at croyall@eastminsterpres.org.

HEBREWS CAFÉ IS BACK FOR HS YOUTH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 am in the Boy Scout Garden. Join us before Sunday School for breakfast!

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

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

9 am Traditional service

Demuynck (ndemuynck@eastminsterpres.org) for virtual access info, or contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions about HS Youth Ministry.

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

March 30: Orange Chicken, Coconut Rice, Vegetable Blend Eggrolls & Fortune Cookies

April 1: Panko Parmesan Baked Flounder, Saffron Rice, Squash Casserole, Asparagus & Hush Puppies

YOUTH WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES WILL NOW INCLUDE DINNER. Mealtime will be from 7-7:30 (outside locations) followed by Bible study. MS will eat/study in the Courtyard. HS study will be in the Multi-purpose Rm. Pick up is at 8:30 p.m. If questions, contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

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

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 (April 24). Visit www.familypromisemidlands.org to donate. Questions? Contact Christy McWilliams at photosbychristy@gmail.com.

THE PEACE SERVICE RETURNS SUNDAY, APRIL 11 AT 4 PM in the Sanctuary. We will celebrate Communion, have prayer time, and hear words of Scripture that will bring the hope and light of Christ into our lives. Come to have some quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of activity, or invite a friend who has had a difficult year and needs a quiet space with God. Space is limited so be sure to RSVP via *Quick Links*.

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/CLC members, EDS parents, neighbors and friends (featuring guest speakers, live music and healthy vendors.) KidCore is also back for ages 5-5th grade, and free nursery care for 4 and under. Registration will open soon, so be on the lookout! Questions: cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

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