

**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**

*Violin Sonata #8  
A Russian Easter*

Beethoven  
Rimsky-Korsakov

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**INTROIT**

*Since By Man Came Death*

G. F. Handel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

From 8th century hymn by St. John of Damascus

Leader: The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad;

**People: The passover of gladness, the passover of God.**

Leader: From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

**People: Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION #232**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

**\*EASTER AFFIRMATION**

from 1 Corinthians 15

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*But Thanks Be to God*

G.F. Handel

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Unison Reading:** Luke 24:1-5

**Scripture Focus:** Luke 24:13-35

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

“Relentless Love”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Douglass Key

**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.**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Power of the Cross*

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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**

*Hallelujah Chorus*

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

**Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!**

**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!**

**The kingdom of this world is become The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!  
And he shall reign for ever and ever!**

**King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign forever and ever! Forever and ever!**

**Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah!**

from *The Messiah*

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

arr. Diane Bish

## 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 Christina Siokos ([csiokos@eastminsterpres.org](mailto: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 11, 2021

Dr. Douglass D. Key (9:00 and 11:15 am)

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck (11:15 am Confirmation)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU TO WILLIAM TERWILLIGER, VIOLINIST, FOR SHARING HIS MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US.**

**APRIL PRAYER CARD & MILITARY/MISSIONARY PRAYER CARDS** are available via Quick Links.

**EASTMINSTER FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 5.**

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

**April 6:** Taco Salad Bowl, Southwestern Spring Roll, Sour Cream & Salsa

**April 8:** Panko Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Fried Corn Nuggets & Rolls

**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](http://www.familypromisemidlands.org) to donate. Questions? Contact Christy McWilliams at [photosbychristy@gmail.com](mailto:photosbychristy@gmail.com).

**NEXT SUNDAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** Join us via LIVE FEED as we honor and celebrate 31 Confirmands! We will have the traditional Sanctuary service at 9 am, and the Outdoor service on the field at 11:15 am as usual.

**THE PEACE SERVICE RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY AT 4PM 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 a 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; please RSVP via Quick Links.

**Please see next page for Lily Memorials and Honoraria**

# *Memorials and Honoraria*



In loving memory of Furman and Evelyn Gerrard

In loving memory of Joe & Clarissa Anderson

In honor of our grandchildren, Foster, Clarke, Evelyn, Ivy, Yates & Wren

In memory of Walter "B" and Harvey Brown

In love and appreciation for Fredna Lee

In loving memory of Roy & Sarah Bates and Stephen Bates - Brian, Ginger, Reese & Tucker Bates

In loving memory of Florence Fowler and in honor of Lewis Fowler - Ginger, Brian, Reese & Tucker Bates

In loving memory of Emilie and Keith Benson, Paul Benson and Martha Cox Beighley by Phyllis and George Beighly, George Beighley Jr. and Kathryn Beighley Dinkins

In loving memory of the amazing Bill Besley

In memory of J. Clarence Dreher, Jr.

In loving memory of John Crues Bell Jr.

In loving memory of Michael Boyer

To the glory of God

In thanksgiving to God for the blessings of my Eastminster family - ministers, staff and members

In memory of Lawrence Melancon, a loving father who emulated the Christian journey every day of his life

In honor of my wonderful parents the Rev. Duke and Mrs. J. Lynne Dixon

In memory of Don Barton

In memory of our grandparents and in honor of our parents and 2 sons

In loving memory of Jane's parents, Frank & Dorothy McFaddin, by Bill, Jane and Lizzie Francis

In loving memory of Bill's parents, Marion & Jane Francis, by Bill, Jane and Lizzie Francis

In loving memory of Jane's siblings, Frank McFaddin, Jr., Jack McFaddin, & Lorraine M. Walker, by Bill, Jane and Lizzie Francis

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Bazemore Williams and Joseph Lee Williams  
by their family

To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Walter Halligan, Jr., by his family

In loving memory of Mary and Lloyd Hendricks and Martha and Jimmy Spangler  
--Susan & Lloyd Hendricks

In loving memory of Florence Fowler --Susan & Lloyd Hendricks

Donated in honor of our Ministerial Staff for their dedication to keeping us together as a church  
during these perilous times

In deep appreciation for EPC ministerial staff leadership during this past year

In memory of Florence Fowler

In memory of Edith Strasburger

In memory of Edith Strasburger - Mrs. Bill Littlejohn

In loving memory of Bill Littlejohn - Mrs. Bill Littlejohn and Leigh Ann Littlejohn

In loving memory of Betsy Sommerkamp by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle

In loving memory of Judy Love by Paula, Brian, and Alex Magargle

In honor and appreciation for all that my beautiful wife Alison does for me and our family. You  
inspire me every day. I love you dearly.

To the Glory of God and to honor our wonderful pastors and staff

To the Glory of God and in honor of our children and their families

In loving memory of Ronnie Sharpe given by his family

Given in loving memory for Jane's father and Trey's grandfather, Armand M. Opitz

In loving memory of Dwight Smith

In honor of our own Easter lily, Lily Ann Stallings, who has brought such beauty and joy to our  
lives in otherwise trying times. She is so named as we learned of her impending arrival Easter  
weekend two years ago.

In loving memory of Dominick and Dorothy Tringali, risen in Christ on this Easter Day

In memory of our dear friend, Cheryl Yates

In memory of Ann M. Stafford, and in memory of Charles & Mildred Williams