

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

Prelude in A Major

J.S. Bach

Cristo Vivo (Christ Is Risen)

Pablo Sosa

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of God is with us.

People: Christ Jesus stands among us.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit

People: we have seen the risen Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #69

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #458

Thy Word is a Lamp

THY WORD

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*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: 1 John 4:16-19

Scripture Focus: John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Doubting Thomas"

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #832**

Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.

1. **There’s no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides. My voice cries to God from the flood, and I’m saved because of his blood. Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.**
2. **It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins. I’m redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart’s praise. Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.**

3. **When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne, my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

Handel/arr. Gordon Young

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, 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.

April 18, 2021

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY! Our ninth-grade confirmands class will be joining the church during the 11:15 am worship service in the sanctuary.

HEBREW'S CAFÉ FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IS BACK (9:45 AM). Meet Pastor Nick in the Scout Garden (Longleaf) for a light breakfast before Sunday School, which is in the Multi-purpose room on the CLC 3rd Floor. Join us!

THE PEACE SERVICE IS TODAY 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 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 so RSVP via *Quick Links*. You can also join us virtually via LIVE FEED button at www.eastminsterpres.org.

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

CIRCLES 1 & 3 JOINT MEETING IS TOMORROW AT 10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY. Join us in person or via LIVE FEED for EPW updates, fellowship, prayer and a lesson led by Ginger Bates.

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

April 13: Sliced Ham, Potato Casserole, Asparagus, Buttered Carrots & Rolls

April 15: Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Cucumber & Tomato Salad & Garlic Bread

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS THIS WEEK (APRIL 15). Donations of Pasta Salad, Pound Cake, and Bananas are due to the McGowan's home by 4 pm on Thursday. If you would like to serve or to find out what is needed, please contact Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com.

WORSHIP DISCOVERY FOR 2ND GRADERS STARTS NEXT SUNDAY. This five-week class on the Presbyterian faith is led by Croskeys Royall, Director of Children's Ministries. We will meet at 11:15 am in person (Location TBD) Dates: April 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16 (May 23 alternate). - You must RSVP each week via Quick Links. See emails from Croskeys for details (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

CORE: REVIVE! BODY-MIND-SOUL EVENT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Go to Quick links on www.eastminsterpres.org to register for this event, held on Saturday, May 1, 9 am-2:15 pm. Top-notch chefs, fitness instructors, and counselors will lead inspirational classes on healthy cooking, calming anxiety, Core Strengthening/Pilates/Barre, and spiritual enlightenment. Keynote Speaker: Dave Dravecky, former MLB pitcher, cancer survivor and author of *Comeback*. Adults: \$30, which also includes lunch, a CORE backpack, and Health Expo on the field for health screenings, tasting stations, plant sales, and more. KidCORE (ages 5K-5th gr), \$10; Nursery (ages 0-4), Free. Questions: cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

BECOME A CHAMPS MENTOR TO A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. One of Eastminster's Five Kingdom Goals is scholarship assistance for CHAMPS students. It doesn't stop there though. Mentors are needed to walk alongside and encourage these scholarship recipients during their college journey. Mentors are asked to meet with their students at least once a quarter, either in person or virtually. If you would like to become a mentor or to learn more, please contact Rebekah Gaston at rgaston@eastminsterpres.org, or Sims Tillirson at gstillirson@gmail.com.

ALL THE WOMEN OF EASTMINSTER ARE INVITED to the Sisters in Christ dinner, April 28, 5:30-7 pm. Bring your chairs and join us on the Field to hear from speakers about the CHAMPS and Bradley Lunch Buddy Programs. In case of rain, we will be gathering in the sanctuary, with a live stream option, as well!

FAMILY PROMISE VIRTUAL GALA IS APRIL 24. Support our mission partner again this year! You can still make a monetary donation, buy a gift card or buy a ticket and attend the event. Visit www.familypromisemidlands.org to see event details. Questions? Contact Christy McWilliams at photosbychristy@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS, AUGUST 2—5 (RISING 4K—RISING 6TH). We will enjoy fun, crafts, music, games & more from 9 am to noon Monday-Thursday. Volunteers are especially needed this year! Please prayerfully consider helping out and indicate on the registration form. Call Croskeys at 803-256-1654 ext. 142, or email him to learn more.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Buddy and Margaret Cullum in honor of their grandchildren, Baker, Reese, Chase, Campbell and Hank.