

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

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley/arr. Evanovich

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 62

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord, for our salvation comes from him.

People: **God alone is our rock and salvation and fortress. We will not be shaken.**

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord, for our hope is in him.

People: **You O Lord, deliver us and give us honor.**

All: **We trust in you and pour out our hearts to you, O Lord, for you are our refuge.
We worship you!**

***HYMN OF ADORATION #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1. **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**
4. **Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.
3. From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

***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. 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: Hosea 1:1-9

Scripture Focus: Hosea 2:14-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"A Love That Overcomes Sin"

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #833**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

1. **O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**
2. **O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.**
3. **O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.**
4. **O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #832

Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

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. 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.

POSTLUDE**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 25, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP DISCOVERY FOR SECOND GRADERS STARTS TODAY. 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 (Gray Music Room, SANCTUARY Basement) Please RSVP each week via Quick Links.

CORE: REVIVE, MAY 1, 9 AM-2PM, REGISTER NOW! Top-notch chefs, fitness instructors and counselors will lead classes on healthy cooking, calming anxiety, Core Strength/Pilates/Barre, and spiritual enlightenment. Keynote Speaker: Dave Dravecky, former MLB pitcher, cancer survivor and author of *Comeback*. Adults: \$30, includes lunch, backpack & Health Expo. KidCORE (ages 5K-5th gr), \$10; Nursery (ages 0-4), Free. **Tickets:** www.eastminsterpres.org.

SOAP DISCUSSIONS RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21. Join us as we journey through the book of Hosea starting tomorrow. (See footer of the Daily Devotional for readings.) Discussions will begin Wednesday, led by Douglass Key. To sign up for our noon or 7 pm discussion groups, email now@eastminsterpres.org.

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

April 20: Pork Chops with Sautéed Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Steamed Broccoli & Rolls

April 22: Beef Petite Medallions, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Tomato Pie & Rolls

GLOW MINI GOLF IS FRIDAY, APRIL 23, FOR FAMILIES (5K-COLLEGE). Register now via Quick Links. We'll meet on the Field to play a full 18-hole round of glow-in-the-dark mini-golf. Registration (\$25) includes all supplies needed for a family of up to 6 to play including glow stick pack and snacks.

FAMILY PROMISE VIRTUAL GALA IS APRIL 24. Make a monetary donation, send gift cards, or buy a ticket. Visit www.familypromisemidlands.org to see event details. Questions? Contact Christy McWilliams at photosbychristy@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S EMPHASIS SUNDAY. We celebrate all the children at EPC on April 25. Join us in the sanctuary at 9 am as EDS 3s classes participate in worship (RSVP required), or join us on the FIELD (Youth Band leading!) where EDS 4s classes open our 11:15 am worship service with song and scripture.

SUNDAY EVENING MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP RETURNS APRIL 25. Look for details from Bethany and Nick this week.

SISTERS IN CHRIST DINNER IS APRIL 28 ON THE FIELD. Join us for fellowship and a light meal (chicken salad croissant, fruit salad, chips & brownies—\$6) as we learn about Bradley Lunch Buddies and the

CHAMPS Program from our speakers. Register via Quick Links. Questions? Sarah Beasley (sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org)

BECOME A MENTOR TO A CHAMPS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. Mentors are needed to encourage these recipients during college. Meet with students at least once a quarter. To learn more, contact Rebekah Gaston, rgaston@eastminsterpres.org, or Sims Tillirson, gstillirson@gmail.com.

YOUTH SUNDAY INCLUDING BACCALAUREATE IS MAY 9. Sixteen high school seniors will preach (9 am Sanctuary, 11:15 am Sanctuary and 11:15 am Field.) Parents of youth, see emails from Pastor Nick for info and rehearsal dates. Don't miss it!

BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY MAY 13, 1-6 PM. Give the gift of life. Donors will receive a coupon for a meal from Regina's Tuesday/Thursday drive-thru. Contact Susanne Hicklin at susannehicklin@otmail.com.

REGISTER FOR VBS, AUGUST 2 - 5 (RISING 4K - RISING 6TH) We will enjoy fun, crafts, music, games & more! 9 am – 12 pm. Volunteers are especially needed this year! Call Croskeys at ext. 142, to help.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones who left this life and entered the Church Triumphant due to COVID and especially our Lisa Woodard's Uncle Sam.