

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Donald Hustad

INTROIT

My God Is So Big

Traditional

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handiwork too. My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. FOR YOU!

EDS Threes Classes

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears speaking truth;

People: We yield ourselves to you this day.

Leader: God of the present who beckons us to move beyond ourselves;

People: Help us remember your sovereignty and renew our commitment.

Leader: God of the future, who is building your kingdom in our midst:

All: Help us respond by living lives of faithfulness, justice, and mercy.

*HYMN OF ADORATION

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat) I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
4. Let it shine 'til Jesus comes! I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me.’” Matthew 19:14

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury

1. **Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**
2. **Jesus loves me He who died Heaven's gates to open wide. He will wash away my sin. Let this little child come in. Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

***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

Richard Creswick Heyward

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. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

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

First Reading: Hosea 4:1-6

Second Reading: Hosea 6:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"You’ve Been Indicted"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

1. **In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:**

butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***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

Easter Hymn

Bob Powell

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

Richard Creswick Heyward, son of Caitlin and Carroll Heyward, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Elder Susi McWilliams 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.

May 2, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHILDREN'S EMPHASIS SUNDAY. Today we celebrate all of the children at EPC. At 9 am EDS 3s classes will participate in worship. At 11:15 am join us on the FIELD (Youth Band leading!) where EDS 4s classes will open the service with song and scripture.

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. Drop off a jar at any Harvest Hope bin on campus, or leave one when you pick up your Tuesday/Thursday meal from Regina's Kitchen. Your donations are taken to Harvest Hope each month. Thank you for helping fight hunger in The Midlands.

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

CORE: REVIVE, MAY 1, 9 AM to 2:15 PM, - 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*. For anyone, any age! Nursery (ages 0-4), Free. KidCORE (ages 5K-5th gr), \$10; Adults: \$30, which also includes lunch, backpack & Health Expo. **Tickets:** www.eastminsterpres.org.

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP RETURNS TONIGHT (5-6:30 PM) for Middle and High School. MS will meet in the Courtyard to make Blessing Bags. High School will play kick-ball (location TBD).

WEDNESDAY SOAP DISCUSSIONS HAVE RESUMED. Join us as we journey through the book of Hosea. (See footer of the Daily Devotional for readings.) S.O.A.P. discussions are on Wednesdays, led by Dr. Douglass Key, at noon and 7 pm. Email now@eastminsterpres.org, indicating which time, to sign up for one of these discussion groups.

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

April 27: Chicken Burrito, Mayan Couscous, Sweet Potato Fries, Mango Avocado Tomato Salad & Chips

April 29: Ginger Garlic Pork, Ramen Noodles, Stir Fry Vegetables, Egg Roll, & Fortune Cookies

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? Contact Sarah Beasley (sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org)

YOUTH SUNDAY INCLUDING HS BACCALAUREATE IS MAY 9. Seventeen high school seniors will preach at three services, 9 am in the Sanctuary, 11:15 am in the Sanctuary, and 11:15 am on the field.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS THURSDAY, MAY 13 (1-6PM) IN THE CLC. Give the gift of life. Donors will receive a coupon for a meal from Regina's Kitchen. Questions? Contact Susanne Hicklin at susannehicklin@otmail.com.

REGISTER FOR COMPASS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MISSION OPPORTUNITY. Visit Quick Links to sign up. Middle School (current 5th-7th graders) dates are June 16-19. High School (current 8th—12th graders) dates are July 26-31. Registration closes on May 23rd.

REGISTER FOR VBS, AUGUST 2—5 (RISING 4K—RISING 6TH) We will enjoy crafts, music, games and more. Monday – Thursday, 9 am to noon. Volunteers are especially needed this year! Call Croskeys (803) 256-1654 ext. 142, to help.

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