

## 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

*Deo Gracias  
This Joyful Eastertide*

English melody  
arr. Doug Wagner

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.  
**People: The world belongs to God, as do all people, including us.**  
Leader: We belong to God and not ourselves,  
**People: Let us open the doors of our hearts, souls, and minds,**  
**All: So that the King of Glory may come in!**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**2. All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.**

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## PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

## 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.**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Dan Lott, Chair of NED

**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**

Forrest Alexander Salter

**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. Dr. Douglass D. 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.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Unison Reading:** Proverbs 4:20-23

**Scripture Focus:** Psalm 24

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:**

"Do You Believe It?"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #742**

*We Will Walk With God*

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

**Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye, wo wo wo, Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye. Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye, wo wo wo, Si-zo-ham-ba na-y. Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la, Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la, Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.**

**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God. We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #742**

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**POSTLUDE**

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**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**

Forrest Alexander Salter, son of Rebecca and Findlay Salter, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 9 am worship service. Deacon Mark Sullivan will give the baptismal prayer.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

*Contact Member Involvement Coordinator 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.*

May 23, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STOP BY THE NED "REVIVE" SIGN-UP TABLES IN THE NARTHEX & FIELD.** We need adults of all ages to teach children and youth of all ages on Sundays (AM/PM) and Wednesdays (PM Bible Studies) this fall. We are taking a team approach to teaching and leading. Please consider leaning in and contributing to the faith formation of our young people in 2021-2022. You may count on inspirational training and attentive support. Questions or to sign up, contact Janice Blair at ext. 168.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL.** Tonight is the last Sunday evening meeting for Youth Groups. May 23 will be the last meeting for Sunday School Classes. May 26 is the last Wednesday evening Bible Studies. Thank you, Youth Leaders! Look for details from Nick and Bethany.

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

**May 18:** Honey Garlic Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Zucchini, Squash and Onions, Watermelon Feta Salad & Toasted Pita Chips

**May 20:** Hamburger Steak w/Mushrooms and Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Cucumber and Tomato Salad & Rolls

**TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS MAY 20.** Donations of pasta salad, pound cakes and bananas should be delivered to the McGowan's by 4 pm. If you would like to drive food to Transitions, or serve, please contact Alison McGowan at [alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com)

**NEXT SUNDAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY.** Drop off a jar in one of the Harvest Hope bins in our reception areas, or at Tues/Thurs meal pick-up. Thank you for helping fight hunger in The Midlands.

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 23, FOR A TAILGATE ON THE FIELD AFTER WORSHIP.** Bring a picnic lunch, or enjoy local fare from food trucks, and music from the Youth Band for a much needed chance to reconnect with each other in fellowship.

**PEP (PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE) LUNCHEON RETURNS MAY 25 AT 11:45 AM** in Thompson Hall. The guest speaker is Rev. Nick Demuyne, our Associate Pastor for Youth & Younger Adults. RSVP via Quick Links! Everyone is welcome. Call Sarah Beasley at ext 122 with questions (\$6/person).

**INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER BRUNCHES ARE MAY 30, JULY 4 & SEPTEMBER 5** at 10:15 AM (No combined Sunday School on those dates).

**INTERESTED IN A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CLASS THIS FALL?** All interested couples should stop by Laura & Kevin Long's (1627 Roslyn Dr.) today, at 6:30 for refreshments and knowledge share.

**SOAP READINGS & DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE THIS SUMMER.** Join us now in reading the Psalms. (See footer of the Daily Devotional for readings.) On June 6, SOAP discussions begin again during our combined Sunday school class led by Dr. Douglass Key. We will journey through 1 & II Samuel. More details to come.

**REGISTER FOR COMPASS THE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MISSION OPPORTUNITY.** Visit Quick Links to sign up. Middle School (Rising 6-8 grader) dates are June 16-19. High School (Rising 9—12 grades) dates are July 26-31. Look for emails from Bethany and Nick. Registration closes on May 23.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 6.** Field worship will move to 9 am. Traditional worship will begin at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary and combined adult Sunday school will begin at 10:15 am in the Adult Reception Hall.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS, AUGUST 2—5 (RISING 4K—RISING 6TH).** Visit Quick Links for latest updates. Email [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org) to help out. We will have fun, make crafts, listen to music, play games & more from 9AM to noon Mon-Thurs.

**ALPHA LEADERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL.** If you have taken Alpha previously and are willing to lead a class, or even if you haven't taken Alpha, but are willing to be trained to lead, contact Laura Long at [llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org).

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.