

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*

J.S Bach

Heather Hunter

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: God has shown himself a sure defense.

Leader: We consider your steadfast love, O, God.

People: Your name and your praises reach the ends of the earth.

Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad because of your righteousness.

All: We will tell generations to come that you are our God and our guide forever. We worship you!

HYMN OF ADORATION #385All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDRETH

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Gracious and loving God, we are so often self-centered and desiring more for ourselves than considering our neighbors. You are the good shepherd who provides everything we need, yet we go searching after things that don't satisfy. You always think about what is best for us as your people, but we think we know what is better than your gifts. Transform our hearts to strive for the other, rather than striving for our own ways. As David prayed in the midst of his sin, we offer that same prayer for you to create in us clean hearts and right spirits that follow and obey you. Hear us now as we bring our silent confessions of sin before you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #837*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Alfred Sipes

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
4. Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Psalm 23

Scripture Focus: 2 Samuel 5:1-5

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“A Shepherd for the Sheep”

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

*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.

TIME OF OFFERING

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

David Childs

Carol Anderson, piano and Josh Evanovich, trombone

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.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #65**

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be at your back; may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field and until we meet again, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Ovid 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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

John Alfred Sipes, son of Andy and Sarah Sipes, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 10 am worship service. Rev. Fred Sipes, John's paternal grandfather, 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.

August 8, 2021

Eastminster Experience Interns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE FIRST SUNDAY of each month. Stop by our Welcome Centers to pick yours up, or access virtually via Quick Links on our website at www.eastminsterpres.org. Contact Sarah Beasley to add someone to the prayer list (sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org).

SUNDAY MORNINGS (INDOORS) THROUGH AUG. 15: 9AM Combined Sunday School in the Adult Reception Hall; Traditional Worship at 10 am in the Sanctuary; Jubilee Worship at 10:30 am in Thompson Hall. Traveling? You can livestream Traditional worship at 10 & 11:15 am.

VBS BEGINS TOMORROW (9AM-12PM) Contact Croskeys at croyall@eastminsterpres.org if you can help out (Mon-Thurs, August 2-5).

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 8, IS THE PEACE SERVICE. Join us in the Adult Reception Hall at 4 pm as we gather quietly before God for prayer, reflection and The Lord's Supper. This service is led by Dr. Lynn Grandsire every other month.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON AUG. 15 AFTER 10 AM Traditional worship in the Sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

AUG. 19 IS ROSS SZABO'S SPEAKING EVENT AT EPC—sponsored by the Will for Hope Foundation, which was started by the Hudson family, members of EPC. You don't want to miss this evening of fellowship & a light meal before coming together in the sanctuary at 7 pm to hear suicide survivor Ross Szabo's inspiring story. *This talk is appropriate for middle school aged youth and older, so bring your family.* Admission is free and it is open to the public so tell your friends. Please RSVP via Quick Links so we can plan accordingly for the meal and seating. Questions, contact Julie McDaniel at ext. 143 in the Church Office.

CLC HAS EXPANDED HOURS AND ADDED OPENINGS for the Walking Track and Fitness Center. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 6:30 am – 8 pm; Wednesday/Friday: 6:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm. Visit Quick Links to RSVP each week. Contact Emmet Hough (Dir.) at ehough@eastminsterpres.org with any questions.

AUG. 19 IS TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY. If you can help with food donations (pasta salad, bananas or pound cake) please contact Alison McGowan at alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com. Servers should be at Transitions at 5PM.

AUG. 22 IS PROMOTION SUNDAY & RETURN TO REGULAR HOURS. We will have three worship services (9 am and 11:15 am in the Sanctuary; Jubilee in Thompson Hall). Sunday School is at 10 am. Stop by one of our Welcome Centers for information on fall classes.

SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE TRUE CONNECTION! Mark your calendars now for the Small Groups Kickoff Dinner, Wednesday, September 15, 5:15-7 pm, in Thompson Hall. This event is open to all current Small Group members, as well as those interested in joining a new group. Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654, ext. 124 with questions.

LYNN TEMPLE JONES LIBRARY UPDATE: Need to get a handle on tech addictions in your household? Try this book, recommended by Middle School Youth Director, Bethany Dixon: *The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place* by Andy Crouch. Bethany also recommends this helpful read by Dr. Jeramy Clark and Jerusha Clark-- *Your Teenager is Not Crazy: Understanding Your Teen's Brain Can Make You a Better Parent*. Both can be found on the wall display outside the Lynn Temple Jones Library.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of the baptism of John Alfred Sipes by his parents, Andy and Sarah Sipes.