

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

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

VBS Participants

1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness. Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you; hope of a life spent with you. Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.
 2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly you came to the earth you created. All for love's sake became poor. Chorus
- Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;

All: and whose faithfulness endures to all generations!

***HYMN OF ADORATION**

Creator of the Universe

Andrew Wilson

1. Day one, You created the heavens and the earth. Made the day light and called the dark night. Day two, Separated the water from the sky. On the third day, you made the land dry. You said it was good; God, you are so good!
Chorus: Creator of the universe, we give you all the praise! We join in with creation singing, worthy is your name!
For all that you have done, everything that you have made, Creator of the universe, we give you all the praise! Creator of the universe, we give you all the praise! We give you all the praise!
2. Day four, You created the sun, moon, and stars. And all of them declare how awesome you are. Day five, sea animals and birds in the trees. Day six, land animals and human beings. You said it was good; God, you are so good! Chorus
Bridge: If we stay silent, the rocks will cry out. So we won't be silent; we'll sing and we'll shout!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved you. You call us, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, selfish ambitions, and greed. God of grace, help us, as we now silently confess, to admit our sins, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may reflect, turn to you, and receive your forgiveness. *Silent Confession*
Amen.

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

Mary Marshall Halligan

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

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 5:22-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGES:

"Reflections on the Eastminster Experience"

James Blackwelder, Stephen Bradley
Marshall Douglas, Connor Freeman and Kate Swan

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

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

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praise of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song! My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries, His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake, my

soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on a garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song! And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves! Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exalting o'er in song! God rejoices over you in song!

Adapted from Zephaniah 3:14, 17 and Psalm 34:2, 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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 #175**

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

1. **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**
2. **Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**
3. **You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!**

***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

Recessional

Jean-Baptiste Lully

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

Mary Marshall Halligan, daughter of Benjamin and Brittany Halligan, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 10 am worship service. Elder Pam Halligan, paternal grandmother, 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 15, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR THE PEACE SERVICE TODAY AT 4 PM in the Adult Reception Hall 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.

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.

THE CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON AUG. 15 at the conclusion of the 10 am Sanctuary service will be to hear the Nominating Committee report for the Election of Deacons (Kim Andrews, Will Brearley, Peyton Bryant, Miriam Covar, Dolores Long, Christy McWilliams, Leigh Pound, Stephen Sansbury, Carolyn Stoddard, and Kathy Winterhalter) and Elders (John Barr, Barbara Boyd, Jason Burbage, Madison Dye, Lucie Eggleston, Robin Gorman, Berry Mattox, Anne Seabrook, Justin Self, and Carey Shackelford) for the Class of 2024; to hear and act on the recommendation of the Temporary Pastoral Nominating Committee for Associate Pastor for Children and their Families, with Terms of Call for Croskeys Royall; and to act on recommended changes in Terms of Call for pastors Nick Demuyne, Lynn Grandsire, Douglass Key, Brian Marsh and Brad Smith.

PEP OUTING TO FIREFLIES STADIUM ON TUESDAY, AUG. 10. There are only a few tickets left (\$10), so contact Sarah Beasley in the Church Office (ext. 122) to claim your ticket and a seat on the bus (or meet us there). Tuesdays are also \$2 hotdogs, popcorn & fountain drinks.

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 about it. 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.

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 in the Sanctuary, 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, planned for Wednesday, Sept. 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. A reservations link for the Kickoff Dinner will be posted in August! Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654, ext. 124 with questions.

LYNN TEMPLE JONES LIBRARY UPDATE: Taking care of our minds is as important as exercising ourselves physically and spiritually. Consider checking out any of these books to help nurture your emotional well-being: *Behind Happy Faces: Taking Charge of Your Mental Health* by Ross Szabo; *Winning the War in Your Mind: Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life* by Craig Groeschel; or *Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts* by Jennie Allen. All of these books have recently been added to our Lynn Temple Jones Library circulation.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Mary Marshall Halligan by her grandparents, Donna and Monroe Brown and Pam and Bick Halligan. Flowers in the Trenholm Road entrance are given in honor and celebration of the marriage of Tinsley and Michael Pou by Greg, Laura, Clay and Nate Moise.