

## 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

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us.

**People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Let us come before our God with joyful songs.

**All: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelter thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we might come before you in the fullness of our lives, that which is good and also that which is hurtful or hateful. We speak of you as Lord, but we do not follow you in all that we do. We love others with condition. We see the speck in our neighbor's eye, but fail to see the log in our own. Forgive us, O God, and help us bow afresh before you now. *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.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading:** Proverbs 3:1-2; 5-8

**Scripture Focus:** Philippians 4:4-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:**

“Perspective in the Midst of It!”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D Smith

**\*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.**

**VIDEO: ALPHA CLASS**

**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**

*Gathered in God’s Name*

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God’s name ‘round the table and font. Gathered as one fam’ly in the name of love. Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God’s name ‘round the living Word. Gathered as one fam’ly in the name of love, in the name of love, in the name of love. Gathered in God’s name ‘round the table of grace. Gathered as one fam’ly in the name of love. Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God’s name ‘round the living Word. Gathered as one fam’ly in the name of love, in the name of love, in the name of love.

**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 #543 (verses 1-4)**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

1. **God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**
2. **Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**
3. **Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

4. **Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia*

J. Rheinberger

**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 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.*

August 22, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THERE IS A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** at the conclusion of the service, to hear the Nominating Committee report for the Election of Deacons (Kim Andrews, Will Brearley, Peyton Bryant, Miriam Covar, Dolores Long, 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 Demuyneck, Lynn Grandsire, Douglass Key, Brian Marsh and Brad Smith.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE INDOORS AT EASTMINSTER.** The session acted this week to require face masks for everyone, age 2 and up, attending church events due to the recent increase in infections and hospitalizations from COVID-19. Forget yours? Pick up masks for your family at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your cooperation as we exercise extreme caution out of love for our church family.

**NEXT SUNDAY WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP 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 Sunday & Wednesday PM classes, WE@EPC menus and more.

**LOOKING FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS? OPEN HOUSE AUG. 22 AT 10 am** in the Adult Reception Hall. Stop by and hear about our Adult Sunday School Classes, who they are and what they will focus on this fall. Dr. Douglass Key and Laura Long (Membership & Outreach) will be available to answer questions, or contact Janice Blair in the Church Office for more information at [jblair@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

**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.

**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](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com). Servers should be at Transitions at 5 pm.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY.** Drop a jar off at one of the Harvest Hope bins around campus. Your donations help fight hunger in The Midlands.

**AUG. 29 IS COMMUNION SUNDAY.** Should you or a loved one wish to receive "in home communion," contact Sarah Beasley in the Church Office (ext. 122).

**SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE TRUE CONNECTION!** The Small Groups Kickoff Dinner is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5:15-7 pm, in Thompson Hall (RSVP via Quick Links). This event is open to all current Small Group members, as well as those interested in joining a new group. Contact Caroline at 256-1654, ext. 124 or [cbennett@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:cbennett@eastminsterpres.org) with questions.

**LYNN TEMPLE JONES LIBRARY UPDATE:** Does music lift your soul? Try this new addition to the Lynn Temple Jones Library: *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories* by Robert J. Morgan. This book and many others have recently been added to our Lynn Temple Jones Library circulation. Visit your church Library, located down the Admin Hallway, or any of our satellite library displays in the CLC lobby, Atrium by the Sanctuary, or Thompson Hall.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ross Holcombe by his family, Nelle, Shawn, Mark, Jarrell, Ian, Dylan, Lynn, Chris, Ashley, Robby, Maggie, Jack and Patrick.

**Flowers in the Narthex** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Holly Jamieson and Daniel Lott.