

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

VIDEO: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us return to the Lord our God,
People: **For even though we have wandered, God is gracious.**
Leader: Let us rejoice and praise the Lord our God,
People: **For God is merciful and abounds in steadfast love.**
Leader: Let us respond to the goodness of God.
All: **Let us give God our all, heart, mind, soul and strength!**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #634

To God Be the Glory

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1. **To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done.**
2. **Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, Sometimes we feel weary, even numb. Awaken us to your life giving Spirit. Sometimes we feel overwhelmed and lash out without thinking. Remind us, O Master, that we are mere mortals, and that we should trust you. Sometimes we focus only on ourselves and those closest to us. Redirect our attention to you, O Lord, that we would remember all we have and all we are comes from you, and that we would respond by loving you and neighbor. Forgive us, O God, even as we pray silently now....

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
Congregation: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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.

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND TIME OF OFFERING

If you or someone you know is in need of special prayer today or if you would like to speak personally with a pastor about making a first-time commitment to Christ or growing in the Christian faith and discipleship, a pastor is on hand to speak with you following the worship service today by the pulpit in the front of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be ever more. There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, Who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

Based on Ephesians 4: 4-6, 13

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Mitch Newman

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

Scripture Focus: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Return, Rejoice & Respond: How Will We Respond?”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #36 (vs. 1 & 2)

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

- 1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #36 (vs 3)**

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

***A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP**

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. If you would like for us to connect with you, please leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Member Involvement Coordinator Christina Siokos (256-1654 x123 or csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) 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.

September 19, 2021

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CELEBRATION SUNDAY! Sunday School classes kick off at 10 am and worship is followed by a congregational meal in the gym, where we will recognize 12 exemplary first responders. Menu: Pulled pork, Hash, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Roll, Pork Skins, Strawberry Shortcake, Banana Pudding, or Cookies.

MANY THANKS TO THE GUEST MUSICIANS WHO HAVE SHARED their gifts with us in worship this morning.

COOKIES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS IS TODAY. If you baked cookies, you may drop them off at the CLC lobby (tables are set out). If you are delivering cookies this afternoon, you may pick up cookies there as well. Thank you to Jennifer Seigler for leading this group and to the volunteers who help out each year.

EASTMINSTER CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON MUSIC PROGRAM (ECAMP) returns today from 5-6 pm! "Jesus and Me" (JAM) is for K4-1st graders, and Treblemakers (previously Jr. Choir) is for 2nd-5th graders. Parents should drop off singers at 5 pm and pick them up at 6 pm in the sanctuary. Register via Quick Links. Contact Fredna Lee at flee@eastminsterpres.org with questions

BOOK STUDY LED BY DR. DOUGLASS KEY STARTS TONIGHT: *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future.* Written by the same research team that brought us *Sticky Faith* (the Fuller Youth Institute), this is an excellent exploration of how we raise healthy, happy, faithful young

people. Classes go in segments of three, so if you have to miss tonight, try to be here for the next two. Please sign up via Quick Links so that we order enough books.

EPW SUNDAYS@5 BIBLE STUDY ON GALATIANS BEGINS SEPT. 12. Join us in Room 353 of the Christian Ed building for a six-week study led by Dr. Lynn Grandsire. We will discuss the problems that arose in the early Christian churches after the crucifixion and learn about one of the most essential elements in Paul's conception of Christianity. Sign up via Quick Links.

SMALL GROUPS KICK OFF THIS WEEK! Featuring author Lalla Lee (Laffitte) Campsen as speaker, the Small Groups Kickoff Dinner is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5:15-7 pm, in Thompson Hall. RSVP via Quick Links. This 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.

EPW'S FALL GATHERING IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 21, 10:30 AM IN THE Sanctuary. All Presbyterian women are invited to join us for fellowship and devotion time.

WE@EPC CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 22! We're excited to have a full Alpha Course! Interested in the next Alpha Course offering? Contact Laura Long at ext. 190. **Bible Study On Nehemiah meets in room 357 of the Christian Ed building, 6:15-7:30 pm.** Led by Dr. Douglass Key, we will learn about rebuilding, in the face of great odds, and the people of Jerusalem's renewal of faith, their overcoming of national shame and the reforming of their conduct.

Resurrection Hope—Eight-week Grief Support. Join us in Room 258 of the Christian Ed building, 6-7:30 pm for healing and comfort after a loss. Contact Dr. Lynn Grandsire to learn more. Sign up for all via Quick Links.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD KICKS OFF SEPT. 30; SIGN UP AT Missions Corner in the Welcome Center, where you can find out about all MSB (Missions, Service & Benevolence) opportunities. Contact Christina Siokos, Member Involvement Coordinator with questions at csiokos@eastminsterpres.org.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Ann Duncan with thanksgiving from her family.