

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

We Have Met to Worship

arr. Karen Roth

Memorial Handbells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

MISSIONS VIDEO: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord God, you led Your people through the wilderness.

People: **You provided for their needs and brought them into the promised land.**

Leader: Thank you that by Your Holy Spirit you continue to lead us today.

People: **Help us hold fast to you, O Shepherd, even as you hold fast to us.**

All: **Let us re-center our lives this Sabbath day, let us worship the Lord our God!**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*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.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Gracious God, You are our Lord and King. Thank you for the new beginning worship provides: for this time to be still, to breathe, to think, and to listen. Help us open our hearts to you, share the struggles we carry, and confess our passivity in faith. In this safe place of prayer, remind us of the freedom you offer in Jesus, and let us lay our lives before you, beginning with this time of silent confession...

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!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #578

O Lord, Have Mercy
PORIAJU' VEREKO'

ORE'

1. **O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**
2. **O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy. Have mercy on us.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

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

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold. And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, For the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey. O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive and bless, Lord, we pray. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Alex Dillard

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Nehemiah 7:1-2, 71-72; 8:1-3

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMONS

"Member Messages"

Lucie Eggleston (John 3:16, Matthew 6:10)
Carter Hassinger (Matthew 11:28-30)
Drew Walker (2 Corinthians 8:2-3)

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #691**

Lord, When I Came into This Life
OF REST

LAND

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***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

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.

October 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
"Leaning In to #1"
Nehemiah 10:35-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAYS@5 CLASSES, YOUTH GROUP & ECAMP ALL meet tonight at 5 pm.

WE@EPC MEALS—RSVP VIA QUICK LINKS. Join us in the Courtyard (weather permitting) or drive-thru (CLC Lot) Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders OR Catfish Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Mushrooms & Broccoli, Fried Okra & Hushpuppies.

TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS OCT. 21. Contact Alison McGowan (alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com) to donate or serve.

PEP BRINGS JEFF ARMSTRONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for Family Promise of the Midlands to the Oct. 26 luncheon. Anyone who is interested in and loves missions is welcome to attend. He will speak about what the future holds for their program and families. Join PEP on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 11:45 am-1 pm in Thompson Hall to learn more about this ministry that we have partnered with since the very beginning in 2014!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICKS OFF OCT. 28! Work dates are Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Visit Quick Links or contact Christina Siokos at 803-256-1654 (ext. 123) or csiokos@eastminsterpres.org .

INTRODUCING “LIGHTLY SEASONED” FELLOWSHIP GROUP for couples or singles in their late 40s to mid 60s! Join us on Oct. 28, from 7-9 pm in the Courtyard to reconnect! Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. Sign up via Quick Links.

DEDICATION SUNDAY AND KIRKIN’ ARE OCT. 31. Look for a Stewardship mailing next week. If you’d like to participate in the traditional Kirkin’ processions (9 & 11:15 a.m.), contact Yolanda Courie at ycourie@gmail.com or Bryant McGowan at bryant.mcgowan@sedgwick.com.

EPC & TRUMC JOIN FOR FALL FESTIVAL OCT 31 ON THE FIELD, from 3-5 PM. Trunk or Treat, Food Trucks & Inflatables—Fall Festivities for all ages will be enjoyed by Presbyterians and Methodists alike. Save the date and join us on the Field. (Costumes and spooky cars encouraged.)

DONATIONS FOR EPWORTH DUE TO CHURCH BINS BY NOV 5. CHAMPS, EDS & EPC Youth are collecting items for Epworth Children’s Home. Go to Quick Links to make donation selections. Contact Rebekah Gaston with questions (ext. 141).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE HERE! The pre-printed boxes will be on tables at the Jubilee Welcome Center, CLC entrance, breezeway, narthex, and near the pastor's portraits in the church office on Sunday mornings. BOXES ARE DUE BACK TO EPC BY NOV. 21! More details to come regarding checks. Questions about OCC? Contact Beth Oliver at betholiver2@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT RETREAT IS DEC. 3-5 at Blue Ridge Assembly. This year, there's an intentional focus on family, so childcare will not be provided. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT, “THE VINE,” IS FEB. 4-6. You can now reserve your spot via Quick Links! Hurry, space is limited.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles H. Dickerson by his family, Sissy, Kim, John, Charles, Sanders and Will.