

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

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad.

People: By your word, O God, all things were created.

Leader: The whole of creation declares your glory.

People: A symphony of sound, sight and Spirit surround us;

Leader: With eyes and ears attuned; with hearts and minds open,

All: Let us come into the presence of the Lord, our God!

+*HYMN OF ADORATION

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

***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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jeffrey Dominic Whalen III *(9 am)*
Lawton Dow Livingston *(11:15 am)*

BAPTISMAL HYMN #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, Gracious God, that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift. Rather than seeing your love revealed, we feel our own guilt magnified. Instead of rejoicing in your good news, we focus on our own shortcomings. Turn us around, Redeemer; enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you. Amen.

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

ORE' PORIAJU' VEREKO'

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. Douglass D. Key

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

Rise, Shine!

Garrett & Trenney

Rise, Shine! For the light is a comin', My Lord says he's comin' by and by! This is the year of jubilee, my Lord says he's comin' by and by. My Lord has set his people free, My Lord says He's comin' by and by. Wet or dry, I intend to try To serve the Lord until I die. I intend to shout an' never stop Until I reach that mountaintop.

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Randy Cottrell

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Nehemiah 9:32-35

Scripture Focus: Nehemiah 10:28-29, 35-37

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Leaning In To #1”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*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 31, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Leaning In to #1”

Nehemiah 12:27-30, 43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. Thank you for your Harvest Hope donations each fourth Sunday to help fight hunger in The Midlands.

CALM CLASS MEETS TOMORROW AT 7PM (CLC—MPR) when we will begin our new study on the Book of James. Pastor Nick leads our sessions. This coed class is ideal for young adults (20s & 30s).

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!

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY AT 7PM (CLC-MPR). Friends are welcome. Contact Pastor Nick with questions (ext. 140).

WE@EPC MEALS DINE-IN OR DRIVE THRU—RSVP WEEKLY Join us in the Courtyard (weather permitting) or drive-thru (CLC Lot) Menu: Beef Petite Medallions, Roasted Vegetables, Green Bean Casserole, Tomato Pie & Rolls.

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 csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 803-256-1654 (ext 123).

“LIGHTLY SEASONED” FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF OCT. 28. Lightly Seasoned is for couples or singles in their late 40s to mid 60s! Join us on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 7-9 PM in the Courtyard. 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 Bryant McGowan at bryant.mcgowan@sedgwick.com, or Yolanda Courie at ycourie@gmail.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.)

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 available. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE HERE! Pick yours up in the Welcome and reception areas around campus. Volunteers needed Sunday mornings at the OCC tables between Oct. 24 and Nov. 21, when boxes are due back. Contact Beth Oliver to help at (803) 622-5384.

WOMEN’S SHELTER IS IN NEED OF SEASONAL ITEMS including holiday baked goods, slippers, gift cards, new or gently used clothing, kitchen supplies, paper products and laundry supplies. See E-News for a full list, or contact Sarah Beasley (ext. 122).

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in celebration of the baptism of Jeffrey Dominic Whalen, III, by his parents, JD and Allison Whalen. **Flowers in the Narthex** are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the marriage of Mary Elizabeth McDaniel and Samuel Elliott Drummond, and in memory of their grandparents, Dugan and Mary Earhart, David and Elizabeth McDaniel, Ted and Ellen Bayley, and George and Rachel Drummond.