

## **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: God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

People: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," and the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Darkness is real, but the light is stronger. God is stronger.

People: Let us unite our hearts and hands and voices,

All: Let us worship God, who alone is the true light.

## **\*HYMN OF ADORATION #305**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

## **\*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**

Gibson Lawrence St. John (11:15 am)

## **BAPTISMAL HYMN #482**

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, the reach of darkness seems to be expanding. Its growing shadow is evident in the hours of the day and in the animosity of our culture. We confess, O Master, that darkness dwells in us as well. Forgive us our antipathy toward others and our apathy toward you and your ways. In silent prayer, O Lord, let us acknowledge places of darkness in our lives and turn afresh to you and to your light....

## **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*

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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. Nicholas P. Demuynck

**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

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

Rollo Dilworth

Serve the Lord with gladness, Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing. Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Know that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us. We are the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise: give thanks and bless His name. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Psalm 100:2-4 with the "Doxology"

## OFFICER'S PRAYER

George Derrick

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Unison Reading:** Isaiah 42:5-9

Scripture Focus: Matthew 5:13-16 (*The Message* translation)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"Essential Ingredients"

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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## \*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**

**\*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](mailto: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.*

**DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

Gibson Lawrence St. John, son of Asheley and Brian St. John, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 9 am worship service. Charlie Mimms will give the baptismal prayer.

November 21, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"You've Been Drafted"

John 18:33-37

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**11:15 AM JUBILEE WORSHIP HAS MOVED TO THE FIELD** through Dec. 19. Join us for outdoor worship with the Jubilee singers. Enjoy traditional flair this Advent Season.

**PLENTY OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES LEFT.** Pick one up today! Filled shoeboxes or donations (\$25/box) are due Nov. 21. Please include "OCC" in the memo line of your check. Contact Beth Oliver with questions at (803)622-5384.

**WE@EPC MEALS DINE-IN OR TO-GO THRU THIS WED, NOV 17.** This is our last WE@EPC meal for the fall. Join us in the courtyard or drive-thru. Menu: Teriyaki Chicken on a stick, Coconut Rice, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Eggrolls & Fortune Cookies.

**TRANSITIONS THIRD THURSDAY IS NOV. 18.** Pound cakes, pasta salad and "cuties" (small oranges) are due to the church by 4 pm. Contact Alison McGowan ([alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmcgowan11@gmail.com)) to participate.

**FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK NOV. 21-27.** Prepare a dish, donate food, or purchase gift cards for four families. Visit Quick Links to sign up.

**S.W.A.G (SAVED WITH AMAZING GRACE) IS NOV. 21 FOR** elementary children. This is our monthly Sunday evening program. Look for emails from Croskeys with details.

**THE FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS & HONORARIA** to decorate the sanctuary with live greenery and poinsettias. Forms are located in our reception areas. Enclose a \$25 check made out to Eastminster Flower Guild for each dedication by Dec. 8 to Julie McDaniel's (ext 143) attention.

**FLOWER GUILD INVITES ADVENT DECORATORS DEC. 1 & 2.** Carol Anderson will lead "Decorating Week," Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 10 am, and Thursday, Dec. 2, at 5:30 pm. Contact Julie to sign up (x143).

**ADVENT RETREAT IS IN-PERSON AGAIN AT THE BEAUTIFUL** Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC, on Dec 3-5. Sign up via Quick Links. Contact Laura Self at [selflauraks@gmail.com](mailto:selflauraks@gmail.com), or Sarah Beasley at [sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org) with questions. Deadline: Nov. 15.

**WOMEN'S SHELTER IS IN NEED OF SEASONAL & ONGOING** donations. See ENews for the full list, or contact Sarah Beasley (x122). Drop off donations in the bin next to the reception area in the Church Office.

**LOOK FOR THE MEMORY TREE ON DEC. 5 IN THE ATRIUM** entrance. To honor the memory of a loved one, bring an ornament and a note with that person's name to the main reception desk. For information, contact Yolanda Courie at [ycourie@gmail.com](mailto:ycourie@gmail.com).

**CAROL SING ON THE FIELD, TUESDAY, DEC. 7** from 6-6:45PM. Boxed dinners (RSVP) available for "tailgating" (5:30 CLC drive-thru). Join EPC Musicians for a joyful sing-along of Christmas favorites!

**DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL?** If so, would you be willing to write notes and keep up with them regularly as they serve our nation? Please contact Sarah Beasley (x122) or Lynn Grandsire (x163) for more information about this special ministry to those who sacrifice for our freedoms.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in honor of the marriage of Rachel Hanna and Dillon Morgan and in loving memory of Rachel's grandparents, Thomas and Rachel Rogan and Edward and Barbara Hanna. **Flowers in the Narthex** are in honor of the marriage of Walker Fritz and Alan Pernell on Nov. 6 by her parents, Wayne and Melissa Fritz.