

## 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

*The Church's One Foundation*

Memorial Handbells

Kevin McChesney

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key (9 am)

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire (11:15 am)

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 1

Leader: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

**People: and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.**

Leader: 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God,

**People: who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #363

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Brian J. Marsh (9 am)

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck (11:15 am)

## VIDEO: INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## \*STATEMENT OF FAITH (Unison)

from 1 Corinthians 15)

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. 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.**

## \*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The 3K - 5K children come to the front and bring their offering.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You come to us in glory, yet we hide our faces from you. You speak to us in truth, yet we close our hearts to your word. Forgive us, God of**

grace. Release us from sin, restore our lives, and rule in our hearts, even as we open them to you in silent confession of our transgression against you and one another...

**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. 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**

*I Thank You, God*

Gwyneth Walker

I thank you God for this most amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes (i who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay great happening illimitably earth) how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any-lifted from the no of all nothing-human merely being doubt unimaginable you? (now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e. e. cummings (1894-1962)

Augie Gil, Director

**DOXOLOGY #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**OFFICER'S PRAYER**

Meredith McKee

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Unison Reading:** 2 Samuel 23:2-7  
Scripture Focus: John 18:33-37

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

**SERMON**

“A King Without a Country”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #336**

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

**\*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**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Joshua Evanovich

**\*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.*

November 28, 2021

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ENJOY OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON THE FIELD**, through Dec. 19. Join us for worship with the Jubilee Band. Enjoy traditional flair this Advent Season.

**WE HAVE NEW CAMERAS IN OUR SANCTUARY.** If you are sitting in the congregation, you might notice cameras facing the congregation. If you are watching Sunday morning services online, you may have a better view of the musicians, ministers, and members of the congregation. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:14 that we are the light of the world; it is our mission to reach people and connect them to the gospel. The new cameras allow us to engage those unable to attend worship in-person as if they were in the sanctuary with us. We are excited to utilize this resource to reach our

community with the message of Christ.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE DUE TODAY!** Thank you to everyone who responded. If you forgot your shoebox, you may bring it to the Church Office by 3 pm tomorrow. If you have questions, contact Beth Oliver at (803) 622-5384.

**S.W.A.G IS TONIGHT FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN.** We will be packing OCC Shoeboxes, enjoying a fire pit in the Courtyard and making seasonal crafts. Bring \$10 for pizza, shoebox supplies and shipping. Choir will continue for 4K & 5K.

**FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK IS NOV. 21-27.** Prepare a dish, donate food, or purchase gift cards for four families. Please drop off all food items/gift cards by Nov. 21 between 9 am and noon. Visit Quick Links to sign up.

**CIRCLE OF GIVING/ST. LAWRENCE PLACE HAVE PARTNERED** again this year. Your donations are needed by Friday, Dec. 3. We are supporting over 20 families this year. Please visit Quick Links to sign up. Or contact: Christina Siokos for more information (x123).

**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 (x143) attention.

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

**SIGN-UPS FOR DECEMBER HABITAT WORK DATES** are now on Quick Links. We are particularly looking for volunteers for Dec. 4!

**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 GLASS FRONT** Sanctuary 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. Contact Yolanda Courie at [ycourie@gmail.com](mailto:ycourie@gmail.com).

**CAROL SING ON THE FIELD, TUESDAY, DEC. 7** from 6-6:45 pm. Boxed dinners are available for “tailgating” by advance registration on Quick Links (coming soon!). Join EPC Musicians for a joyful sing-along of Christmas favorites!

**EPW’S JOY GIFT TEA IS DEC. 9 FROM 11:30 AM—1:30 PM.** Enjoy fellowship and heavy hors d’oeuvres. We will also collect our annual Joy Gift donations for the Columbia Women’s Shelter.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family. The cornucopia in the Narthex is given in love and thanksgiving for the lives of Henry and Susan DaVega and in memory of Ellen DaVega by their family, Susan Gibbins, Anita Rownd and Michael DaVega.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| This Year Dedication Sunday plus 3 weeks      | 308 |
| Last Year Dedication Sunday number of pledges | 314 |