SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . . "Be still and know that I am God."

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "How Great Thou Art"

arr. Ray

* Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

(Psalm 100:1-4)

* Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 267

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Creator. we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You call on us to change our lives, vet we do not heed your call. You give us good news to share, yet we remain silent and afraid. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * 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.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 84

- L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
- ever singing your praise!
 L: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- P: As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- L: They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.
- P: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! L: Behold our shield, O God;
- look on the face of your anointed!
- P: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
 - I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
- than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- L: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- P: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

"Morning Has Broken" Duet arr. Krug Erica Van Wagner, Bells and Robert Norris, Recorder

Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:12-16

Sermon A Letter from Paul - Philippians Dr. Seel IX. Faith, Hope, and Love

* Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal!" No. 269

We Respond to God's Word

* Apostles' Creed

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.

* Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

- * Charge and Benediction
 - L: May grace, the wellspring of all mercies and peace, the crown of all blessings,
- P: Be bestowed upon us from God our Father.

Colossians 1:2

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion. Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love. May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus. By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

Postlude

"Song For All Saints"

arr. McDonald

* Congregation Stands

Please write your request, tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

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Phone

PRAYER REQUESTS The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.
Name and date: (optional)
(These are kept confidential!)
WELCOME TO VISITORS If you are visiting today, we would like you to know
that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.
So that we may have a record of your visit, please complete the information below and place in the offering plate.
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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our mom, Dionne Merritt's, birthday on July 24. From her daughters, with love, Mary Ann Merritt, Jane Merritt, and Susan Howard.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Reserve a Sunday to honor a loved one by displaying a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary. Sign up on the flower calendar outside the church office.

OPEN DATES:

August 1 October 17, 31 November 14 December 26

NEW INFORMATION???

New phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To keep the church's records current, fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, or call/email the office.

Name:

New Information:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS @ EPC

Congregational Meeting Results:

The results from the Congregational Meeting vote are in. Both motions passed by overwhelming majorities. The motion to approve the members-at-large of the current Officer Nominating Committee serving as members-at-large for an additional year passed 156-1. The motion to reduce the number of EPC officers per class from 8 to 6 passed 153-4. Thank you to everyone who participated! We hope to have an in-person Congregational Meeting in early September to begin the process of electing our new officers for the Classes of 2023 & 2024.

July Summer Fun for Children:

July 21– Nalley Brown Nature Park in Easley 3rd-5th graders 10:00 am-12:00 pm Contact Ginna for more information.

July 23– Playground & Popsicles @ EPC 2nd grade and under 3:00-5:00 pm Contact Ginna for more information.

EPCYouth Events:

Today - EPCMiddle: Sonic Sunday, 4:30-6:30 pm

July 21- EPCHigh: Waffle Cone Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm

Attention Knitters!

Our Knitting Group will be starting back soon! If you love to knit or would like to learn how, call Rosemary Holtzendorff at 859-6761 to get all of the details. The group meets weekly at the church. All are welcome to join!

More church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

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