SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 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 "The Power of the Cross" arr. Getty/Townsend

* Call to Worship

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.
(Psalm 125:1-2)

* Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" No. 363

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy, triune God,
we confess that we have not lived for your glory.
You call us to love and serve you,
but we do not heed your voice.
You offer us restoration in Christ,
but we turn away from your good gifts.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Reveal the treasure of heavenly life
hidden already in our fragile human hearts,
so that your love may shine in and through us;
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 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
P: My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
L: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
P: Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
L: The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
P: The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
L: The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
P: The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon A Letter from Paul - Philippians Dr. Seel
X. Mentors, Models, and Guides

* Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!" No. 804

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: The Lord bless us and keep us.
P: The Lord be kind and gracious to us.
L: The Lord look upon us with favor,
P: And give us peace.
Num. 6:24-26

* 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 "He Leadeth Me" arr. Innes

** Congregation Stands*

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

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.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren. Given by Tracey and Matt Lake.

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:

October 17, 31
November 14
December 26

GUEST MUSICIANS

We welcome Betsy Myers as our pianist in worship today.

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:

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New Information:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS @ EPC

EPCYouth Events: (watch for details in your emails!)

EPCMiddle:
Pool Party at Middle Creek, August 1, 1:00-4:00 pm

EPCHigh:
Tacos & Trivia, July 29, 5:30 7:00 pm
Pool Party (Latham's house), August 8, 5:00-7:00 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!

Weekly Men's Bible Study and Prayer Time

Hey guys! Are you aware that we have a group of men of all ages that meet each week for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer? Every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. the men meet on the church's back patio. For more information about this group, contact Robert Sams at 616-3987.

Rally Day is August 15!!

We are so excited to begin a new church year at EPC! All are invited to start off the new church year with worship and breakfast!

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Breakfast
11:00 am Worship

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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Paul Cook	Gregg Branham	John Cooper
John Cutchin	Carolyn Brice	Dottie Grantham
Joel Ledbetter	Karen Cooper	Meg Jewell
Kathy Lyles	Eddie Crittendon	Phil Lyles
Richard Mintz	Mario DiPietro	Monty Oxendine
Robert Sams	Kelvin Kearse	Chris Robinson
David Weaver	Dennis Latham	Billy Waddell

Diaconate

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Britt Burnett	Melanie Branham	Michael Baker
Kelli Burnett	Mary Crittendon	Lori Brock
Dustin Coats	Eric Goodwin	Jennifer Graham
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Chad Lister	Talita Prins	Candice Ledbetter
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