

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 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 "Amazing Grace with Largo" arr. LaRowle

* Call to Worship

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast!

I will sing and make melody!

**People: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!**
(Psalm 57:7-11)

* Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
and a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive 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 131

L: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
P: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

L: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

**P: O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Quartet "Blest Be the Tie" arr. Pickett
Mary Ann Merritt, Melanie Branham,
Robert Norris, and Gregg Branham

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon A Letter from Paul - Philippians Dr. Seel
V. Have This Mind Among Yourselves

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: As God's own, let us clothe ourselves
with compassion, kindness, and patience,

**P: Forgiving each other
as the Lord has forgiven us,**

L: And crown all these things with love,

P: Which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:12-14

* 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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. McDonald

* *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 celebration of Grant Hollis' 3rd birthday and Father's Day. Given by his parents, Samantha and Grant Hollis.

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:

September 19
October 17
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:

UPCOMING EVENTS @ EPC

Children & Families: Zoom Sunday School today at 10 am.

Adult Sunday School for June:

We welcome back Dr. Bryan Bibb, professor of Religion at Furman University, as our guest lecturer for the month of June. His pre-recorded lessons on the Book of Judges will come out each week in the Sunday email and will be on our website to view at your convenience.

Promises on the Patio:

June is "Promises on the Patio" for children with Ms. Ginna. Call, text, or email her to reserve your time.

Pool Party at the Pritchett's: (205 West 2nd Ave., Easley)

3rd-5th graders are invited for fun in the sun on Tuesday, June 22 from 3:00-5:00! Bring towels and sunscreen!

Water Day @ EPC:

Ages 3 years-2nd grade are invited to come and play from 10:00-12:00 on Wednesday, June 23. We will have fun in our fountain and playing water games. Don't forget your towels and sunscreen!!

Outdoor Vacation Bible School:

- Registration is now open on our church website.
- Three full nights, July 11-13 with a closing celebration. Please reserve July 14th and 15th as we will use them for either rain days or a closing celebration!
- In our big backyard for completed K4 (with parent or guardian), K5-5th grade children.
- Rotating stations of Bible storytelling, recreation, crafts, and science.

EPC Youth Events:

- EPCMiddle- "Sonic Sunday", Today @ 4:30-6:30 pm
- EPCMiddle Local Mission Trip week is June 21-23

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Father's Day!!

The known hospitalization this week was Kelly Stover.

The family of Jon Coon wishes to invite everyone to join them for a memorial service on Friday, June 25 at 11:00 am in our sanctuary. Jon died on August 7, 2020 and, because of Covid-19, the family wasn't able to honor him then.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. William P. Seel, Pastor

Ext. 2014, bill@easleypresbyterian.org

Rev. Dr. Christie S. Gravely, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Care

Ext. 2027, christie@easleypresbyterian.org

Ginna Lister, Director of Christian Education

Ext. 2030, ginna@easleypresbyterian.org

Lindsey Odom, Director of Youth & Missions

Ext. 2036, lindsey@easleypresbyterian.org

Robert Norris, Director of Music

Ext. 2023, robert@easleypresbyterian.org

Marianne Norris, Organist

mariannenorris2012@yahoo.com

Phyllis Sams, Preschool Director

Ext. 2016, phyllis@easleypresbyterian.org

Jonene Garrett, Church Secretary

Ext. 2010, jonene@easleypresbyterian.org

Cynde Whitmire, Christian Education Secretary

Ext. 2022, cynde@easleypresbyterian.org

Dicie Thompson, Financial Secretary

Ext. 2012, dicie@easleypresbyterian.org

Tony Brock, Building Superintendent

Ext. 2035

CHURCH OFFICERS

Session

Class of 2020

Nick Caldwell
Paul Cook
John Cutchin
Joel Ledbetter
Kathy Lyles
Richard Mintz
Robert Sams
David Weaver

Class of 2021

Julie Bishop
Gregg Branham
Carolyn Brice
Karen Cooper
Eddie Crittendon
Mario DiPietro
Kelvin Kears
Dennis Latham

Class of 2022

Barry Brock
John Cooper
Dottie Grantham
Meg Jewell
Phil Lyles
Monty Oxendine
Chris Robinson
Billy Waddell

Diaconate

Class of 2020

Britt Burnett
Kelli Burnett
Dustin Coats
Marian Dawkins
Avannah Lewis
Chad Lister
Greg Lucas
Mel Thompson

Class of 2021

Melanie Branham
Mary Crittendon
Eric Goodwin
David Mitchell
David Owen
Talita Prins
Stephen Roach
Jennifer Willis

Class of 2022

Michael Baker
Lori Brock
Jennifer Graham
Samantha Kennedy
John LaBrash
Candice Ledbetter
Wayne Prins
Elizabeth Weaver

Trustees

Dexter Rogers

David Whittemore

Jack Brock

Easley Presbyterian Church



June 20, 2021

200 South 1st Street—Easley, SC 29640-2934

864/859-4220 (Office)

www.easleypresbyterian.org