

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
5th Sunday after Pentecost
 June 27, 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

Minute for Church Government Kathy Lyles

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful" arr. Labenske

* Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord!
 For he has heard the voice of my pleas for
 mercy.

**People: The Lord is my strength and my shield;
 in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;**

Leader: My heart exults,
 and with my song I give thanks to him.

**People: The Lord is the strength of his people;
 he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**
 (Psalm 28:6-8)

* Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 2

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God,
 our sins are too heavy to carry,
 too real to hide,
 and too deep to undo.
 Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
 what our hearts can no longer bear,
 and what has become for us
 a consuming fire of judgment.
 Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
 open to us a future in which we shall be changed;
 and grant us grace to grow more and more
 in your likeness and image;
 through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
 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 30

L: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
 and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
 and you have healed me.**

L: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
 you restored me to life from among those who go down
 to the pit.

**P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
 and give thanks to his holy name.**

L: For his anger is but for a moment,
 and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
 but joy comes with the morning.

**P: As for me, I said in my prosperity,
 "I shall never be moved."**

L: By your favor, O LORD,
 you made my mountain stand strong;
 you hid your face;
 I was dismayed.

**P: To you, O LORD, I cry,
 and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

L: "What profit is there in my death,
 if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?
 Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
 O LORD, be my helper!"**

L: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
 you have loosed my sackcloth
 and clothed me with gladness,

**P: That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
 O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

Solo "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Forrest
 Soloist: Robert Norris

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:12-18

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not
 only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out
 your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who
 works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may
 be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the
 midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine
 as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in
 the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor
 in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the
 sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.
¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Sermon A Letter from Paul - Philippians Dr. Seel
 VI. Work Out Your Own Salvation

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: From the God Most High,
 whose ways are mercy and truth,
P: Who leads us to his heavenly throne,
 L: May He preserve our lives according to His promise;
P: Keep us from all harm, and watch over our lives.
Psalm 119:107, 121:7

* 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 "Praise to God Who Reigns Above" arr. Ritter

* *Congregation Stands*

O Lord, take our minds and think through them;
 take our lips and speak through them;
 take our lives and live out your life;
 take our hearts and set them on fire with love for thee;
 and guide us ever by thy Holy Spirit,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*William H. M. H. Aiken (1841-1927),
 The Prayer at Eventide*

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 loving memory of Jon Coon. Given by his wife, Rachel.

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.

Outdoor Vacation Bible School:

- Registration is now open on our church website. Be sure to pre-register. No walk-up registrations this year.
- 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!
- **Mission Project:** School Supplies for United Christian Ministries. Items needed: notebook paper, notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, markers, etc.

EPCYouth Events:

- EPCHigh will be going Whitewater Rafting on June 28 on the Ocoee River in Copperhill, TN. We will leave the church at 7:45 AM and return at 8:00 PM. Don't forget to bring money for lunch and dinner.
- On June 29 EPCHigh will meet at Los Compadres for a fun night of Tacos & Trivia from 5:30-7:00 PM. Don't forget to bring money for dinner.

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

Congratulations to Peyton Beane and Dustin Sherpinkas who were married on June 12, 2021 at South Wind Ranch in Travelers Rest.

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Karen Cooper
Eddie Crittendon
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Kelvin Kears
Dennis Latham

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