

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
June 6, 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 "Hymn of Promise" arr. Carter

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!  
**People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**People: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.**  
(Psalm 149:1-4)

\* Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 620

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God,  
who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you:  
hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins,  
and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.  
We have broken your holy laws  
by our deeds and by our words,  
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.  
Have mercy upon us.  
Grant that we may hereafter serve and please you  
in newness of life;  
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 66:1-4, 16-20

L: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
**P: I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.**

L: On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.  
**P: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O  
LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

L: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.  
**P: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
**P: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Anthem "The Lord's Prayer" arr. Ellingboe  
Trio: Molly Ulshafer, Anna Goodwin, Tracey Lake

Scripture Lesson Philippians 1:19-26

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Sermon A Letter from Paul - Philippians Dr. Seel  
III. To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain

**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 our Lord,  
who has laid up for us a hope in heaven  
where moth and rust cannot destroy,  
**P: Keep us strong to the end,  
so that we will be blameless  
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

\* 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 "Classical Postlude" arr. Haydn

\* *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

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:

June 13  
July 18  
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:

### Lunch on the Lawn

**Sunday, June 13**

**Fried Chicken,  
Macaroni & Cheese,  
Green Beans,  
Roll, & Dessert**

Prepared by: *Pepper's Catering*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 per plate

**Reservation deadline  
is this Thursday,  
June 10.**

## 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.

### Waffle Cone Wednesday:

ALL children are invited to meet at Good Karma at 1:00 pm!! Bring \$ for your ice cream!

### 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.

### Lunch on the Lawn:

Join us on Sunday, June 13, after the 11:00 service, for a time of fellowship with each other. Outside tables will be provided or you can bring your blankets or chairs to eat on the lawn. We will serve on the patio. You may sign up online or by using the tear slip in today's bulletin.

## MEMBER NEWS

The known hospitalizations this week were Kitty Garber and Marcia Humbert.

The red rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Gaia Carola Ricaurte Cobb, born on June 1. Gaia is the daughter of Christine (Cobb) and Johan Ricaurte of Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and the granddaughter of Ann Cooper and John Cobb.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Johnny Cooper and his family in the death of his mother, Ann Cooper, who died on June 2.

Congratulations are in order for two of our members who work for the School District of Pickens County:

- Mary Ann Merritt – named Teacher of the Year at Crosswell Elementary.
- John LaBrash – named Support Employee of the Year for the AITS (Accountability & Information Technology Services).

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