

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
20th Sunday after Pentecost
 October 10, 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 "Pastorale" arr. Wesley

* Call to Worship

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
 I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
**People: I will be glad and exult in you;
 I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: Those who know your name put their trust in you,
 for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
**People: Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
 Tell among the peoples his deeds!**
 (Psalm 9:1-2, 10-11)

* Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 634

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Faithful and loving God,
 we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.
 You claim us as your own people,
 but we forsake your holy covenant.
 You offer us the gift of prayer,
 but we forget to lift our hearts to you.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Help us to live our lives in Christ,
 rooted and grounded in our faith
 and growing each day in your love;
 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 5:1-8

L: Give ear to my words, O LORD;
 consider my groaning.
**P: Give attention to the sound of my cry,
 my King and my God,
 for to you do I pray.**
 L: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
 in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
**P: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
 evil may not dwell with you.**
 L: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
 you hate all evildoers.
**P: You destroy those who speak lies;
 the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
 L: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
 will enter your house.
 I will bow down toward your holy temple
 in the fear of you.
**P: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
 because of my enemies;
 make your way straight before me.**

Solo "If With All Your Hearts" Mendelssohn

Scripture Lesson 1 Kings 21:1-29

Sermon God's Prophets: Elijah and Elisha Dr. Seel
 V. Sharper Than Any Two-Edged Sword

*Text: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
 Hebrews 4:12*

* Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 459

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Berry

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 321

* Charge and Benediction

* 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 "Make a Joyful Noise" arr. McDonald

* Congregation Stands

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

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.

NEW INFORMATION???

Do you have a new phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To help keep the church's records current, please fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, call us at 859-4220, or E-mail the office: jonene@easleypresbyterian.org.

Name: _____

New Information: _____

Thank You!

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

October 13

Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Roasted Vegetables, Salad Bar, Roll, & Dessert

Prepared by: Peppers Catering

Family Name _____

of meals _____

\$5 per plate

Reservation deadline is by 12:00 noon on Mondays!!! You may call the church office at 859-4220 or sign up online.

NURSERY STAFF

Victoria Rose Brock Liliana Guerra

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Kristi Dockery Mary Katherine Martin

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Ginna Lister Mallory Bowers
Mike Bowers

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

TODAY'S GREETERS

9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Meg Jewell Carolyn Brice Jean Smith
Carolyn Brice Amy Moore Amy Moore

OCTOBER USHERS

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Stephen Roach, Head Marian Dawkins, Head
Elizabeth Weaver, Asst. Michael Baker, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

John LaBrash

VIDEO

Kevin Taaffe

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Patrick Ledbetter and Anna Brewster who were married in Charleston, SC, on October 2.

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Caroline Harper Rossley, born September 30. She is the daughter of Annie and Tyler Rossley, and the granddaughter of LeAnn and Bob Heil.

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Kelvin Kears
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John Cooper
Dottie Grantham
Meg Jewell
Phil Lyles
Monty Oxendine
Chris Robinson
Billy Waddell

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David Owen
Talita Prins
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