

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Birchwood

* Call to Worship

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water
and drink deeply of the living stream.

**People: Come, all who are weary;
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

Leader: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

People: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

* Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" No. 35

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God our Creator,
we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You call on us to change our lives,
yet we do not heed your warning.
You give us good news to share,
yet we remain stubborn and silent.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and to follow you,
bearing witness to the good news
that your holy realm is near;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri No. 581

**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.**

Prayer for Children
(Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children's Church)

**Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Ordination and Installation of Officers - Class of 2025 (11:00 a.m.)

Those to be ordained and installed:

Deacons:

Annie Rossley
Brad Wilson

Those to be installed:

Elders:

Carolyn Brice
Barry Brock
Meg Jewell
Kelvin Kears
Dan Nunnery
Monty Oxendine

Deacons:

Michael Baker
Lori Brock
Eric Dillon
Candice Ledbetter

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Pote

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:22-35

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel
XLVIII. On the Road With Jesus

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Jesus Call Us" No. 720

* Apostles' Creed (Unison)

**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.**

Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "If You Believe and I Believe"
Adult Choir arr. Bell

Prayers of the People and 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 "The Gift of Love" arr. Carter

* 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 "In Christ There Is No East or West" No. 318

* 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 "To God Be the Glory" arr. Kerrick

* 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.

We would love a record of
your visit. Please fill out the
following and place in the
offering plate when passed.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

1st Time Visit

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William "Bill" M. Ford, who was a good and faithful servant, from his children and grandchildren.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2023 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

January 11, 5:30 pm

Menu:

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

Prepared by: Pepper's Catering

Family Name

\$5 for ages 5 years & up
\$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals _____
Vegetarian: # of meals _____

You may also sign up on our website: easleypresbyterian.org

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Victoria Rose Brock, Valerie Brock, & Lindsey McAlister

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.
Kristi Dockery
Ginna Lister

11:00 a.m.
April DuBose
Annie Rossley

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

DECEMBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.
Jennifer Graham, Head
John Dockery, Asst.

11:00 a.m.
Eric Goodwin, Head
Chad Lister, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT
Roger Kilpatrick

VIDEO
Ryan Moore

Member News

The known hospitalizations this week were Dionne Merritt and Sandy Lamberson.

Congratulations to Eric Anthony who earned his Ed. D. in Higher Education Administration from Liberty University on December 6, 2022.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Tonya Drawdy and family in the death of her grandmother, Kathryn Crossland of Manning, SC, who died on January 7, 2023.

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Karen Cooper
Phil Darity
Dennis Latham
Wilma Shealy
Scott Wilbanks

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David Owen
Stephen Roach

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