

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
7th Sunday after Epiphany**

February 26, 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 "Be Thou But Near" arr. Kinyon
Handbells

* Call to Worship

L: Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
**P: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth!**
(Psalm 47:1-2)

* Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 14

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your
mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-
kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16a

L: For thus says the Lord God:
"Behold I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out.

**P: As a shepherd seeks out his flock
when he is among his sheep that have been
scattered,
so will I seek out my sheep,
and I will rescue them from all places
where they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness.**

L: And I will bring them out from the peoples
and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them into their own land.
And I will feed them
on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines,
and in all the inhabited places of the country.

**P: I will feed them with good pasture,
and on the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their grazing land.
There they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and on rich pasture they shall feed
on the mountains of Israel.**

L: I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I myself will make them lie down,
declares the Lord.

**P: I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed,
and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak."**

Anthem (11:00 am) "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name"
Adult Choir arr. Osiek

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:1-10

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel
LII. God's Search for Us

* Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" No. 629

We Respond to God's Word

* 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 am) "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 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
Betsy Meyers, Pianist arr. Kerrick

* 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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 353

* 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 "He Leadeth Me" arr. Kerrick
Betsy Meyers, Pianist

* *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 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

March 1, 5:30 pm

Menu:

Lasagna, Salad, Bread, & Dessert

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

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

11:00 a.m.

Ellen & Will Young

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Michael Baker

FEBRUARY USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Chad Lister, Head
David Owen, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Lucas Durham, Head
Dustin Coats, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

John LaBrash

VIDEO

Kevin Taaffe

Member News

The known hospitalizations this week were Linda Winemiller, Nancy Kearns, and Dionne Merritt.

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