

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**2nd Sunday after Easter**  
April 16, 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 "I Will Sing of the Wondrous Story" arr. Kerrick

\* Call to Worship

L: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
**P: I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be shaken.**

(Psalm 16:7-8)

\* Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" No. 260

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of everlasting life,  
we confess that we continue in the ways of death.  
You offer us forgiveness,  
yet we refuse to forgive others.  
You show us signs of resurrection,  
yet still we fail to believe.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
and send us out in mission  
to proclaim your reconciling love;  
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**

Scripture Lesson Psalm 16

L: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

**P: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent  
ones,  
in whom is all my delight.**

L: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall  
multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

**P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.**

L: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L: I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being  
rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.**

L: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

**P: You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forever more.**

Anthem (11:00 am) "Be Still" arr. McDonald  
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 17:1-19

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel  
LVII. Increase Our Faith

\* Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 829

\* 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.**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Call to Prayer (11:00 am) "Alleluia" arr. Bell  
Adult Choir

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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Broughton

\* 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 263

\* 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 "Declaration" Groden

\* 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.

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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.

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Email Address

1st Time Visit

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Chie Graham.

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

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation**

**April 19, 5:30 pm**

**Menu:**

Hawaiian Fried Chicken with Vegetables, Coconut Rice, Salad, & 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](http://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.**

Ginna Lister

**11:00 a.m.**

April DuBose

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Brad Wilson

**APRIL USHERS**

**9:00 a.m.**

Eric Dillon, Head  
Michael Baker, Asst.

**11:00 a.m.**

Stephen Roach, Head  
Michael Baker, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT**

Roger Kilpatrick

**VIDEO**

John Franks

**Member News**

We express Christian love and sympathy to Loraine Brockway and Pat Young in the death of their sister, Phyllis Barron, who died on April 3, 2023.

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Paul Cook  
John Cutchin  
Jel Ledbetter  
Kathy Lyles  
Robert Sams

**Class of 2024**

Gregg Branham  
Karen Cooper  
Phil Darity  
Dennis Latham  
Wilma Shealy  
Scott Wilbanks

**Class of 2025**

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

**Diaconate**

**Class of 2023**

Britt Burnett  
Dustin Coats  
Lucas Durham  
Chad Lister  
Greg Lucas  
Melissa Wilbanks

**Class of 2024**

Melanie Branham  
John Dockery  
Eric Goodwin  
Mary Ann Merritt  
David Owen  
Stephen Roach

**Class of 2025**

Michael Baker  
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Eric Dillon  
Candice Ledbetter  
Annie Rossley  
Brad Wilson

**Trustees**

Dexter Rogers

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Jack Brock

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