

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
3rd Sunday after Easter
April 23, 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 Still, My Soul" arr. Sibelius

* Call to Worship

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**P: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

L: To the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**P: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your
work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**
(Psalm 92:1-4)

* Hymn "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" No. 41

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O Lord,
you who are all merciful,
take away our sins,
and enkindle within us the fire of your Holy
Spirit.**

**Take away these hearts of stone from us
and give us a heart of flesh and blood:
a heart to love and adore you,
a heart which may delight in you, love you, and
please you,
for Christ's sake. Amen.**

(Ambrose of Milan, 340-397 A.D.)

* 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-K5 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

Reception of the 2023 Confirmation Class (11:00 a.m.)

Introductory Statement
Profession of Faith
Sacrament of Baptism
Questions Regarding Church Membership
Prayer of Confirmation

Scripture Lesson Luke 17:20-37

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel
LVIII. The Now and Not Yet of the Kingdom

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "The Days Are Surely Coming" No. 357

* 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.**

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 "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Ham

* 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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" No. 547

* 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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Page

* 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 in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Wallis, mother of Jean Smith.

Guest Musician

We welcome Susie Turbeville as our guest organist today in worship.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

April 26, 5:30 pm

Menu:

Grilled Ham & Cheese Panini,
Chicken Pesto Panini,
Broccoli Salad and Chips

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.

Samantha Hollis
Grant Hollis

11:00 a.m.

Mary Katherine Martin
Ginna Lister

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Stephen Roach

APRIL USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Eric Dillon, Head
Melissa Wilbanks, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

David Owen, Head
Brad Wilson, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Wes Frierson

VIDEO

Kevin Taaffe

Member News

The red roses in the sanctuary is in honor of the births of:

Samuel Colt Authement, born April 14, 2023. He is the son of Rose Kwasniewski and Joseph Authement and grandson of Karen and Marty Kwasniewski.

Mason Arflin, born April 18, 2023 Mason is the son of Kaitlyn Kearsse and grandson of Kelvin Kearsse.

CHURCH STAFF

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John Cutchin
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Kathy Lyles
Robert Sams

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

Class of 2025

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Barry Brock
Meg Jewell
Kelvin Kearsse
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Diaconate

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David Owen
Stephen Roach

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Lori Brock
Eric Dillon
Candice Ledbetter
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