

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
5th Sunday after Easter
May 7, 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 the Wondrous Story" arr. Kerrick

* Call to Worship

L: My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.
**P: My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.**

L: Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
**P: I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.**
(Psalm 119:171-174)

* Hymn "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" No. 13

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of love,
in the wrong we have done,
and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us and renew our lives;
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-K5 may leave for Children's Church)

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

God Give to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 119:33-40

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
**P: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
**P: Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!**

L: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
**P: Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.**

L: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
**P: Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!**

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Psalm 121" arr. Sorenson
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 18:15-34

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel
LX. Then Who Can Be Saved?

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" No. 803

* 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.) "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"
Adult Choir Medema

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 King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Peterson

* 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 "Lead On, O King Eternal!" No. 269

* 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 "An Excellent Alleluia" arr. Smith

* 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 our parents, Elmer & Eleanor Phail and Murray & Jo Cutchin. Given by Andrew & Mary Jo Phail.

Staying Connected

Church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

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: dicie@easleypresbyterian.org.

Name:

New Information:

Thank You!

NURSERY STAFF

Victoria Rose Brock, Valerie Brock, & Lindsey McAlister

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.
Ginna Lister

11:00 a.m.
Mary Katherine Martin

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Mike McAlister

MAY USHERS

9:00 a.m.
Stephen Roach, Head
Melanie Branham, Asst.

11:00 a.m.
Michael Baker, Head
Brad Wilson, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT
John LaBrash

VIDEO
Ryan Moore

Member News

The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered in our 11:00 a.m. service to Colette Alexandra Morrow. Colette is the daughter of Ally and Joel Morrow.

We welcome our new members who joined on April 30: Emilee Cuevas, Jeanne & Larry Todd, and Susie & Charles Williams.

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Capri Rose DiPietro, born on April 15, 2023. Capri is the daughter of Selina and Luke DiPietro and granddaughter of Sherry and Mario DiPietro.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Duane Hurne and family in the death of his brother, Paul Hurne of Ithaca, NY, who died on April 27, 2023.

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Paul Cook
John Cutchin
Joel Ledbetter
Kathy Lyles
Robert Sams

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

Class of 2025

Carolyn Brice
Barry Brock
Meg Jewell
Kelvin Kearse
Dan Nunnery
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Diaconate

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Britt Burnett
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Lucas Durham
Chad Lister
Greg Lucas
Melissa Wilbanks

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John Dockery
Eric Goodwin
Mary Ann Merritt
David Owen
Stephen Roach

Class of 2025

Michael Baker
Lori Brock
Eric Dillon
Candice Ledbetter
Annie Rossley
Brad Wilson

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