

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 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 “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” arr. Berry

\* Call to Worship

L: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
**P: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**  
L: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
**P: May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.**  
(Psalm 104:31-34)

\* Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 275

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not followed your way.  
You show us the wrong we have done,  
yet we point fingers at others.  
You offer us the bread of heaven,  
yet we hunger for the things of earth.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Speak your truth to us in love,  
so that we may return to you in peace,  
and grow more and more in grace;  
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 Gives to Us Through His Word**

Scripture Lesson Psalm 31:9-16

L: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body also.  
**P: For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.**  
L: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
**P: I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**  
L: For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror on every side!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
**P: But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, “You are my God.”**  
L: My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my  
persecutors!  
**P: Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!**

Solo “Not My Will, But Yours Be Done” arr. Metzger  
Robert Norris, Soloist

Scripture Lesson Luke 22:39-53

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Rev. DuBose  
LXV. Not My Will, But Yours, Be Done

**We Respond to God’s Word**

\* Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” No. 220

\* 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 & 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 “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” arr. Smith

\* 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 “What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 215

\* 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 “Fanfare of Praise” Krug

\* *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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Name

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Address

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Phone Number

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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.

**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.

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

**Summer Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation**

July 26, 6:00 pm

**Menu:**

Taco Bar & 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, July 24.**

**NURSERY STAFF**

Victoria Rose Brock & Valerie Brock

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

<b><u>9:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
Ginna Lister	April DuBose & Ella Bishop

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Eric Dillon

**JULY USHERS**

<b><u>9:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
Stephen Roach, Head Melissa Wilbanks, Asst.	Lori Brock, Head Brad Wilson, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT**

John LaBrash

**VIDEO**

Phil Lyles

**MEMBER NEWS**

We express Christian love and sympathy to Susan Julian in the death of her mother, Johnnie K. Long, who died on July 7, 2023.

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**Session**

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**Diaconate**

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**Trustees**

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