

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 13, 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 “Sing and Rejoice Greatly” arr. Smith

\* Call to Worship

L: I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
**P: Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**  
(Psalm 116:1-2)

\* Hymn “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” No. 32

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Loving Father,  
be merciful and forgive our sin.  
Cleanse our unrighteousness.  
Heal our hurts, and reconcile our broken  
relationships.  
Pour your Spirit upon us with renewing grace,  
and so restore to us the joy of our salvation.  
Make us a thankful people with charitable hearts;  
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.**

Installation of Presbyterian Women Officers (11:00 a.m.)

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 116

L: I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
**P: Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

L: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**P: The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

L: Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**P: For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;**

L: I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**P: I believed, even when I spoke:  
“I am greatly afflicted”;  
I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”**

L: What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

**P: I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**

L: I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

**P: Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.**

L: O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

L: I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

**P: In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem,  
Praise the Lord!**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) “Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells”  
Adult Choir arr. Helvey

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:44-56

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel  
LXIX. Crucified, Dead, and Buried

**We Respond to God’s Word**

\* Hymn “When in the Night I Meditate” No. 810

\* 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.) “Jesus, Remember Me” arr. Berthier  
Adult Choir

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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Ray

\* 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 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” No. 494

\* 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 “Praise the King of Glory” arr. McDonald

\* *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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1st Time Visit

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 27th wedding anniversary of Cherie and Dennis Latham given by their daughters, Ali and Gracelyn.

**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](mailto:dicie@easleypresbyterian.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You!

**NURSERY STAFF**

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

<b><u>9:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
Samantha & Grant Hollis	Ally Morrow Ginna Lister

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Ryan Miller

**AUGUST USHERS**

<b><u>9:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
Britt Burnett, Head John Dockery, Asst.	Michael Baker, Head Dustin Coats, Asst.

<b><u>SOUND &amp; LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>VIDEO</u></b>
Carolyn Brice	Ryan Moore

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**Session**

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| <b>Class of 2023</b><br>Floride Caldwell<br>Paul Cook<br>John Cutchin<br>Joel Ledbetter<br>Kathy Lyles<br>Robert Sams | <b>Class of 2024</b><br>Gregg Branham<br>Karen Cooper<br>Phil Darity<br>Dennis Latham<br>Wilma Shealy<br>Scott Wilbanks | <b>Class of 2025</b><br>Carolyn Brice<br>Barry Brock<br>Meg Jewell<br>Kelvin Kearse<br>Dan Nunnery<br>Monty Oxendine |
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**Diaconate**

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**Trustees**

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