

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
13th Sunday after Pentecost
 August 27, 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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Labenske

* Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, all nations!
 Extol him, all peoples!

**P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures
 forever.
 Praise the Lord!**

(Psalm 117:1-2)

* Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" No. 35

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Almighty God,
 in raising Jesus from the grave,
 you shattered the power of sin and death.
 We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
 bound by the ways that lead to death.
 We overlook those who are in need;
 we pass by those who mourn;
 and we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed.
 Forgive us, God of mercy.
 Help us to trust your power
 to change our lives and make us new,
 that we may know the joy of life abundant
 given in Jesus Christ, the risen 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 Givesto Us Through HisWord

Scripture Lesson Psalm 116:12-19

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 upon the name of the Lord,**

L: I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the Lord
 is the death of his saints.

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

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

**P: I will pay my vow to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people,
 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem.
 Praise the Lord.**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Benedictus" arr. Lewis
 Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Gravely
 LXXI. "Open Eyes, Burning Hearts"

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 451

* 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.) "Alleluia! Give Thanks" arr. Fishel
 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 "Siciliana" Walond

* 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 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" No. 80

* 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 "Psalm of Glory" arr. Ritter

* *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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Wallis, father of Jean Smith.

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

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.

Julie Bishop

11:00 a.m.

April DuBose
Ginna Lister

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Dustin Coats

AUGUST USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Britt Burnett, Head
John Dockery, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Michael Baker, Head
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Jel 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
Monty Oxendine

Diaconate

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John Dockery
Eric Goodwin
Mary Ann Merritt
David Owen
Stephen Roach

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Michael Baker
Lori Brock
Eric Dillon
Candice Ledbetter
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Brad Wilson

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