

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
16th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 17, 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 "Make a Joyful Noise" arr. McDonald

* Call to Worship

L: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
 which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**P: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 so the Lord surrounds his people,
 from this time forth and forevermore.**

(Psalm 125:1-2)

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

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Almighty and merciful God,
 we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost
 sheep.**

**We have followed too much
 the devices and desires of our own hearts.
 We have offended against your holy laws.
 We have left undone those things which we ought to
 have done;
 and we have done those things which we ought not
 to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Forgive those who confess their faults.
 Restore those who are penitent,
 according to your promises declared to the world
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
 that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
 to the glory of your holy name. 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 Give to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
 O Lord, hear my voice!

**P: Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could stand?

**P: But with you there is forgiveness,
 that you may be feared.**

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;

**P: My soul waits for the Lord
 more than watchmen for the morning,
 more than watchmen for the morning.**

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
 For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
 and with him is plentiful redemption.

**P: And he will redeem Israel
 from all his iniquities.**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "We Are Held" arr. LaBarr
 Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Jonah 1:17-2:10

Sermon The Book of Jonah Dr. Seel
 II. The Treasures of Darkness

"I will give you the treasures of darkness. . ."
 Isaiah 45:3

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Be Still, My Soul" No. 819

* 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.) "Be Still and Know" arr. Bell
 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" arr. Thomas

* 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 "Joyful Noise (Reprise)" 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.

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 honor of our 25th wedding anniversary, Melanie & Gregg Branham.

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

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation
September 20, 5:30 pm**

Meatloaf,
Hashbrown Casserole,
Green Beans,
& Dessert

Prepared by: Robert Sams

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

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

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| 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| Janey & Garrett Charles | Ginna Lister |

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Mike McAlister

SEPTEMBER USHERS

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| 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| Britt Burnett, Head Stephen Roach, Asst. | Britt Burnett, Head John Dockery, Asst. |

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| SOUND & LIGHT | VIDEO |
| Roger Kilpatrick | John Franks |

MEMBER NEWS

We give thanks to God for the life of His servant, Jack Brock, who died on September 11, 2023, and we express Christian love and sympathy to his wife, Marge Moon and his brother Mel Brock.

We welcome new members: James and Kelsey Reynolds and their children, Julia (8th grade), Luke (5th grade), and Margaret (1st grade); and Paul and Sellers Petromichelis and their son, Landrum.

CHURCH STAFF

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CHURCH OFFICERS

Session

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

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| Class of 2023 Britt Burnett Dustin Coats Lucas Durham Chad Lister Greg Lucas Melissa Wilbanks | Class of 2024 Melanie Branham 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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Trustees

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| Dexter Rogers | David Whittemore | Jack Brock |
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