

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
17th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 24, 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 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Labenske

* Call to Worship

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P: He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.**

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who
 fear him.**

(Psalm 103:8-11)

* Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” No. 667

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God our Creator,
 we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
 You made us in your own image,
 but we tarnish your good name.
 You call us your beloved children,
 but we take your favor for granted.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Pour out your mercy upon us,
 so that we may live in a way
 that is pleasing to you;
 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 K3-1st 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 32

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
 whose sin is covered.

**P: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts
 no iniquity,
 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.

**P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of
 summer.**

L: I acknowledged my sin to you,
 and I did not cover my iniquity;

**P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the
 Lord,”
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

L: Therefore let everyone who is godly
 offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
 surely in the rush of great waters,
 they shall not reach him.

**P: You are a hiding place for me;
 you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

L: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
 I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**P: Be not like a horse or a mule, without
 understanding,
 which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
 or it will not stay near you.**

L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
 but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the
 Lord.

**P: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
 and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) “In His Hands” arr. Osiek
 Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon The Book of Jonah Dr. Seel
 III. A Second Chance

We Respond to God’s Word

* Hymn “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” No. 435

* 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 “Spirit of God with Prelude in C” arr. Boud

* 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 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” No. 744

* 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 “Allegro” arr. Purcell

* 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 Ellen and Will Young's 13th Wedding Anniversary. Given by Arlo, Paul and Mills Young.

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

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation
September 27, 5:30 pm**

Cheesy Chicken & Broccoli Casserole, Salad, & 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 each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

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| <u>9:00 a.m.</u> | <u>11:00 a.m.</u> |
| Ginna Lister | Joanna & Bill Griese |

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

SEPTEMBER USHERS

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| <u>9:00 a.m.</u> | <u>11:00 a.m.</u> |
| Britt Burnett, Head Annie Rossley, Asst. | Britt Burnett, Head John Dockery, Asst. |

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| <u>SOUND & LIGHT</u> | <u>VIDEO</u> |
| John LaBrash | Kevin Taaffe |

MEMBER NEWS

We express Christian love and sympathy to Barbara and Jim Stuckey and family in the death of their grandson, Jarrett Stuckey of Hendersonville, NC, who died on September 16.

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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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| Dexter Rogers | David Whittemore | Jack Brock |
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