

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 3, 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 "Presto from Sonata in C Minor" arr. Pescetti

\* Call to Worship

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**P: The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

**P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**  
(Psalm 118:26-29)

\* Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 263

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 118:19-29

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**P: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

L: This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**P: The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

**P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
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Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Pacem" arr. Dengler  
*"Give us peace and on earth peace to all of good will"*  
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 24:36-53

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Rev. DuBose  
LXXII. "The Ascension"

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn "Go To the World!" No. 295

\* 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 "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" arr. Berry

\* 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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" No. 260

\* 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 "Sing a New Song" 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 loving memory of my wife, Ellen, and our son, Jim. Given by Curtis Davis.

### 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.

### Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation September 6, 5:30 pm

#### Menu:

Pork Enchiladas,  
Beef Burritos, Charro Beans,  
Rice, & 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

#### 9:00 a.m.

Melissa & Scott  
Wilbanks

#### 11:00 a.m.

April DuBose  
Ally Morrow

### SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

### AUGUST USHERS

#### 9:00 a.m.

Stephen Roach, Head  
David Owen, Asst.

#### 11:00 a.m.

Eric Goodwin, Head  
Michael Baker, Asst.

### SOUND & LIGHT

Marty Kwasniewski

### VIDEO

Phil Lyles

### MEMBER NEWS

The known hospitalizations this week were  
Louis Shepard and David Cook.

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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

### Diaconate

#### 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  
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### Trustees

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