

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Carter

* Call to Worship

L: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
**P: Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!**
(Psalm 134:1-2)

* Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 267

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not lived for your glory.
You show us what is good,
but we choose the ways of evil.
You show us what is right,
but we fail to do your will.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Redeem us from our sin,
and restore us to your image,
so that our lives may honor 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 Givesto Us Through HisWord

Scripture Lesson Psalm 133 & 134

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
**P: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

L: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forever more.

**P: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

L: Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!

**P: May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!**

Anthem "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" arr. Althouse
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Sermon The Disciplines of Joy Dr. Seel
III. Fellowship and Service

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" No. 316

* Apostles' Creed

**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.) "As the Deer" arr. Nystrom
Adult Choir

Prayers of the People & the 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 (11:00 a.m.) "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" arr. Kerrick

* 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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 306

* 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 "Nachspiel" arr. Buckner

* 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 in worship today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Murray and Josephine Cutchin and in memory of Elmer and Eleanor Phail. Given by Mary Jo and Andrew Phail.

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
October 18, 5:30 pm**

Oven Roasted Chicken with Pan Gravy, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetables, Roll & 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 _____

**Deadline is Noon,
Monday each week.**

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.

Ally Morrow
Melody Lutz

11:00 a.m.

Ginna Lister

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

OCTOBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Stephen Roach, Head
Mary Ann Merritt, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Michael Baker, Head
Lori Brock, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Roger Kilpatrick

VIDEO

Phil Lyles

Member News

We give thanks to God for the life of His servant, Tracy Barnes, who died on October 12, 2023, and we express Christian love and sympathy to his wife Sally and their family.

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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
Brad Wilson

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Dexter Rogers

David Whittemore

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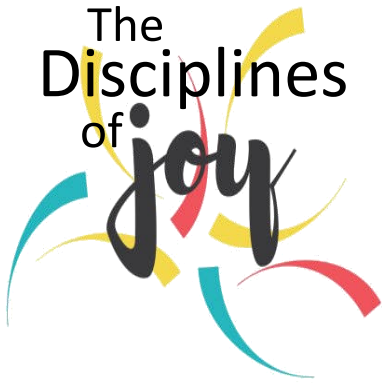
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Joy is a deep-seated assurance of belonging, hope, love, and peace. Joy grows in us as we move deeper into relations with God, and deeper into relationship with fellow member of our family of faith. The disciplines of joy are tools by which God enables us to do both these things.

Fellowship and Service

FELLOWSHIP

The opportunities to gather with the church family are abundant at EPC! Here are some, just to name a few:

Sunday School — 10:00am every Sunday, for all ages!

Wonderful Wednesday — 5:30 dinner
6:00 classes for children
6:15 classes for youth and adults

Amazing Grays (55+) — 3rd Thursday of the month

Presbyterian Women circle groups— various days and times

Men's Bible Study — 7:00 am Thursdays

Trunk or Treat — October 29 5:00-6:30 pm

Advent Wreath Workshop — December 3 @ 4:00 pm

Christmas Caroling & Dinner — December 10 @ 4:00 pm

TODAY

**Fellowship on the Farm @ Arran Farm (4:00pm-7:00pm)
Hayrides, games, dinner, worship and smores by the fire!**

How will you be in fellowship with your church family at EPC?

Who will you invite to the next fellowship opportunity at EPC?

Fellowship and Service

SERVICE

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

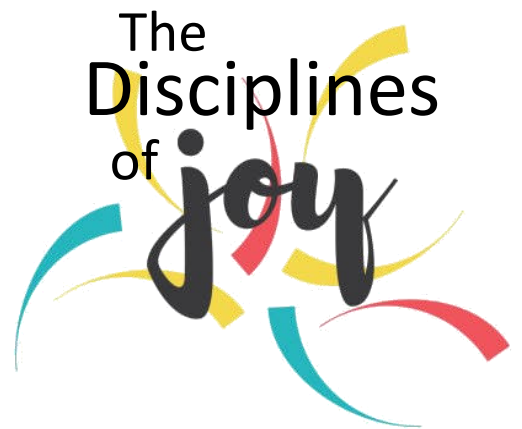
There are many ways to serve and to use your God given gifts to further God's kingdom at EPC and beyond. Have you ever thought about serving in these ways? Below are some service opportunities at EPC along with the person to contact if you would like to serve in these areas:

- Music Ministry (vocal or hand bell choir, play an instrument) - Robert Norris
- Christian Education (teacher, youth leader, nursery, children's church) - Ginna Lister/John DuBose
- Kitchen service - Ginna Lister
- Sound/Video booth - Christie Gravely
- Visitation Ministry - Christie Gravely
- Prayer Ministry - Christie Gravely
- Usher and/or Greeter - Christie Gravely

EPC serves the community too! Here's how you can be involved:

- Serve at SHINE, Easley's soup kitchen
- Meals on Wheels
- United Christian Ministries
- Our Neighbor's House/Family Promise
- Thornwell Children's Home
- Dream Center
- Rise Against Hunger

Contact John DuBose for more information.



How will you commit to serve God at EPC? _____

How will you commit to serve God in the community of Easley? _____
