SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP		Prayer for Children (Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children's Church) Little ones to Him belong: Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen. <u>God Gives to Us Through HisWord</u>		* Prayer of Commitment	
21st Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Little ones			Leader:	Brothers and Sisters in C dedicate your pledges a recommit yourselves ar and to God's loving pur
Time for quiet prayer and meditation "Be still and know that I am God."	G				faith. Let us pray:
We Come Before God in Worship	Anthem	"Let Us Love One Another" Adult Choir	arr. Lau	People:	Almighty God, by yo forth your Son to re have called ustoget
Chiming of the Hour	Scripture Less	Scripture Lesson II Corinthians 9:6-15			love, teaching your v need. Keep us ever
Welcome and Announcements	Sermon	<u>The Disciplines of Joy</u> Rev. J IV. Gratitude and Generosity	ohn DuBose		might be written up
Prelude "Prelude in C " arr.	Bach	·····,		Leader:	Help us to grow in faith we might always live in
* Call to Worship		We Respond to God's Word			lives of thankful giving
 L: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvat P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgive let us make a joyful noise to him with song praise! 	tion! /ing; * Apostles' Cr gs of	 * Hymn "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" No. 716 * 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 			By your Word and Se lives, inspire our the attitudes, lighten ou hope, and fill our he
L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95:1-2, 6	6-7) heaven ar Son our Ghost, bo Pontius Pi descended from the c				God, these pledges offer to you this day O God, you have given that we, in turn, may gi and be diligent in the m church to perform. Ple
 * Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No * Prayer of Confession (Unison) Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We fix our mind on former things, 	dead. I be church; th	e shall come to judge the quick a elieve in the Holy Ghost; the holy on the communion of saints; the forgive resurrection of the body; and the	and the catholic eness of	People:	pledges of our commit which we bring before Be present in the life people here at Easle Help us to be good a
missing the new thing you are doing. We focus on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the value of knowing Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Through the great mystery of faith, deliver us from our captivity to sin, and lead us from death into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Prayers of the Our Fathe name. Thy	Adult Choir People & the Lord's Prayer er, who art in heaven, Hallowed kingdom come. Thy will be done	on earth	All: * Hymn	All that we have, all hope to be — are gr the Father, and to th Spirit, now and fore "Lord of Al
* Assurance of Pardon	And forgiv	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 Pledges		-	nd Benediction
* Gloria Patri No	D ₅₈₁ evil: for th				on Response "Make U
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; asit wasin the beginning,	Presentation of			In your love, make us whole. May Calm the lost, weary soul in t May your peace fill our hearts M. By your grace, you console. Ma	
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.	Offertory	"O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"	arr. Berry	* Postlude	"Classical Po
Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)	* Doxology		No. 606		

Christ, I invite you now to and offerings, and so to nd your whole lives to God rpose for us as a family of

our Holy Word you sent edeem the world. You her to be a community of way and serving others in close to your Word, that it oon our hearts.

n and love toward you, so that n trust and hope. Center us in and faithful loving.

pirit, O Lord, guide our oughts, shape our ur darkness with eternal nearts with joy. Receive, O of commitment which we y.

us good gifts in abundance so ive generously to your work ninistries you have called your ease bless and consecrate these ment for the coming year, you this day.

e and work of your by Presbyterian Church. and faithful stewards.

that we are, all that we ounded in you. Praise to he Son, and to the Holy ever. Amen.

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No. 711

Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

/ we rest in your compassion. the warmth of your love. lay we know the love of Jesus ke us holy, make us whole.

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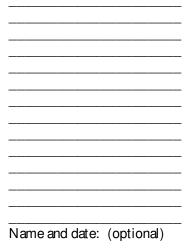
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* Congregation Stands

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.



(These are kept confidential!)

WELCOMETO 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 gratitude for His beautiful creation and also for the joy and abundant life He gives to us so generously. Given by Tracey and Matt Lake.

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 <u>Meal Reservation</u> October 25, 5:30 pm

Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast, & Dessert

Prepared by: Peppers Catering

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

<u>9:00 a.m.</u> <u>11:00 a.m.</u>

Samantha & Grant Hollis Ally Morrow

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Michael Baker

OCTOBER USHERS

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>

Chad Lister, Head Mary Ann Merritt, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

John LaBrash

John Franks

VIDEO

11:00 a.m.

Michael Baker. Head

Lori Brock, Asst.

Member News

The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered today to Garrett Alexander Jordan, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Garrett is the son of Katalin and Stephen Jordan.

Congratulations to Sally Dawkins and Matt McCoy who were married on October 13, 2023 in Bluffton, SC.

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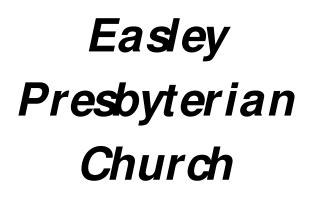
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"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

<u>Gratitude and Generosity</u>

As members of Christ's body, the Church, we are being formed as His disciples in joy. In gratitude for the gift of joy we have been given, may we respond generously to God through the power of His Spirit. Please take a moment to renew your commitment to the work of God in the Church, using the questions below as your guide:

1. How do you think about generosity in giving? Do you think about it in the context of money only, or do you also consider your time as something to give?

- 2. What motivates you to give? Do you feel guilty about it, or is giving a response of joy?
- 3. On what occasions and in what ways do you give most often? How is your generosity a reflection of what you value?
- 4. How will you respond to God's invitation to generosity? How can your gifts of time and money shape the ministry of Easley Presbyterian Church?