

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 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 "Prelude in G Minor" arr. Bach

* Call to Worship

L: Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,
**P: For the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.**

L: Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
**P: She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.**
(Proverbs 3:13-14, 17-18)

* Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 14

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Good and gracious God,
forgive us for our feeble imaginations.
We speak with confidence about you,
but your love and grace are so much greater
than our minds can grasp.
We turn to money and power and status and control,
instead of turning to you.
We have been quick to judge,
but slow to forgive.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Give us the strength that comes from Christ's claim
and call,
trusting that his hand is at work where we cannot
see it,
and that his love is saving us, even when we do not
know it.
In Jesus Christ we pray. 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 1

L: Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
**P: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

L: He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
**P: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
**P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Anthem "When I Can Read My Title Clear" arr. Love
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:1-32

Sermon The Disciplines of Joy Dr. Gravely
II. Prayer and Study

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "In My Life" No. 468

* 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 Redeemer" arr. Labenske
Adult Choir

* 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 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" No. 722

* 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 Caroline Johnson by her family.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation October 11, 5:30 pm

Baked Ham, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Macaroni & Cheese, & 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.**

Fellowship at the Farm Meal Reservation October 15, 5:30 pm

Cookout Menu:
Hamburgers & Hotdogs
with all the fixings

Family Name

\$5 for ages 5 years & up
\$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals _____

**Deadline is Thursday,
October 11.**

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.

GINNA LISTER

11:00 a.m.

MARY KATHERINE MARTIN

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Mario DiPietro

OCTOBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.

CHAD LISTER, Head
MARY ANN MERRITT, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

MICHAEL BAKER, Head
LORI BROCK, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

CAROLYN BRICE

VIDEO

KEVIN TAAFFE

Member News

There are two red roses in the sanctuary today:

- In honor of the birth of Maverick William Nunnery, who was born on October 3, 2023. Maverick is the son of Macee and Jack Nunnery and the grandson of Clare and Dan Nunnery.
- In honor of the birth of Jackson Paul Dixon, who was born on October 4, 2023. Jack is the son of Hannah and Nate Dixon and the grandson of Kelvin Kears.

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John Cutchin
Jel Ledbetter
Kathy Lyles
Robert Sams

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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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