

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
November 12, 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 "We Praise Thee, O God" arr. Berry

\* Call to Worship

L: Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
**P: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.**  
(Psalm 47:1-2)

\* Hymn "This Is My Father's World" No. 370

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O Lord,  
you who are all merciful,  
take away our sins,  
and enkindle within us the fire of your Holy Spirit.  
Take away these hearts of stone from us  
and give us a heart of flesh and blood:  
a heart to love and adore you,  
a heart which may delight in you, love you, and  
please you,  
for Christ's sake. Amen.**  
(Ambrose of Milan, 340-397 A.D.)

\* 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 49

L: Hear this, all peoples!  
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
both low and high,  
rich and poor together!  
**P: My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart shall be  
understanding.  
I will incline my ear to a proverb;  
I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.**

L: Why should I fear in times of trouble,  
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,  
those who trust in their wealth  
and boast of the abundance of their riches?

**P: Truly no man can ransom another,  
or give to God the price of his life,  
for the ransom of their life is costly  
and can never suffice,  
that he should live on forever  
and never see the pit.**

L: For he sees that even the wise die;  
the fool and the stupid alike must perish  
and leave their wealth to others.

**P: Their graves are their homes forever,  
their dwelling places to all generations,  
though they called lands by their own names.**

L: Man in his pomp will not remain;  
he is like the beasts that perish.

**P: This is the path of those who have foolish  
confidence;  
yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

L: Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;  
death shall be their shepherd,  
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.  
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to  
dwell.

**P: But God will ransom my soul from the power of  
Sheol,  
for he will receive me.**

L: Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,  
when the glory of his house increases.

**P: For when he dies he will carry nothing away;  
his glory will not go down after him.**

L: For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed  
—and though you get praise when you do well for  
yourself—  
his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,  
who will never again see light.

**P: Man in his pomp yet without understanding  
is like the beasts that perish.**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Within Us Flows a River" arr. Miller  
Adult Choir with Soloist, Abigail Norris

Scripture Lesson Proverbs 15:16-17

Sermon Proverbs: Words of Wisdom Dr. Seel  
II. Better Than

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn "Though I May Speak" No. 693

\* 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.) "Come and Find a Quiet Center"  
Adult Choir arr. Murray

Prayer of 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 "The Ash Grove" arr. McDonald

\* 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39

\* 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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 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.

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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.

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Email Address

1st Time Visit

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers today in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory and in honor of all Veterans who have willingly served our country. Given by Joan and Alan Groome.

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

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation**  
**November 15, 5:30 pm**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

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.**

**ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**

**December 3**  
4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of wreaths \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 per wreath**

(Please include payment. Make checks payable to EPC with "Wreath" on the memo line.)

**NURSERY STAFF**

Valerie Brock, Victoria Rose Brock, & Sophie Wilson

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

GINNA LISTER

KRISTI DOCKERY

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

DAVID OWEN

**NOVEMBER USHERS**

**9:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

Melanie Branham, Head  
Annie Rossley, Asst.

Melissa Wilbanks, Head  
Lucas Durham, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT**

Marty Kwasniewski

**VIDEO**

Phil Lyles

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Dennis Latham  
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