

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

New Years Eve
December 31, 2023

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude "Good Christians All, Rejoice" arr. Manz
Guest Organist, Hank Hinnant

* Call to Worship

L: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now God has spoken to us by a Son.

**P: God made the world through the Son,
who has been appointed heir of all things
and the perfect reflection of God's glory.**

L: The Son is the exact representation of God's being,
sustaining all things by his powerful Word.

**P: Praise God for the gift of the Son!
We welcome the light of the world!**

(based on Hebrews 1:1-3)

* Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 134

* Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of grace and God of glory,
You make all things new in heaven and on earth.
We come to you on the brink of a new year
with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.
Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.
Because you are a God of love,
we know that you forgive all the mistakes of the past.
Because you are the God of our faith,
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful
noise,
and we pledge to serve you in the coming year;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer with Children

**Little ones to Him belong;
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Galatians 4:4-7

Sermon "The Fullness of Time" Rev. John DuBose

* Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143

* 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 resurrec-
tion of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 king-
dom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Voluntary on an Old French Carol" arr. Spong
Guest Organist, Hank Hinnant

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

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* Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” No. 132

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

**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 “March of the Kings” arr. Spong
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* Congregation stands

This Week at EPC

Monday, January 1: Church Office Closed
Tuesday, January 2: Prayer Team meets, 10:00 a.m. (Library)
 Joy Circle, 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)
Wednesday, January 3: Wonderful Wednesday resumes!

Go to easleypresbyterian.org for more events and details.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting is set for Sunday, January 7 at 10:40 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the proposed changes to the Ministers' Terms of Call.

MEMBER NEWS

A red rose is in the Sanctuary today in honor of the birth of Bella Rose Brock born to Victoria Rose Brock on December 20, 2023. Grandparents are Barry and Lori Brock and Great-grandparents are Mel and Jeanette Brock.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Mort Sams and family in the death of his sister, Fran Windham of Spartanburg, who died on December 21, 2023.