

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
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 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" arr. Kerrick

Call to Worship

L: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
**P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
**P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**
Psalm 34:1-4

* Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 463

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God our Creator,
we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You speak to us with tender mercy,
yet we fail to recognize your voice.
You know everything about us,
yet we pretend we do not know you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to heed your voice of truth,
to follow your way of faithfulness,
and to glorify you with our lives;
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 Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 34:1-10

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his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
**P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
**P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**
L: Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
**P: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**
L: The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
**P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**
L: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
**P: The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Think on These Things" arr. Dengler
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:22-41

Sermon The Book of Acts Dr. Seel
III. Cut to the Heart

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" No. 629

* 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.) "If You Believe and I Believe" arr. Bell
Adult Choir

Prayers of the People and 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 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" arr. Carter

* 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 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" No. 839

* 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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Davis

* 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 Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2024 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

NEW INFORMATION?

If you or your family have moved, dropped your land phone line and just use your cell number, or have changed your e-mail address (at home or work), please let the Church Office know.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation
January 24, 5:30 pm

Menu:

Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Roll, & Dessert

Prepared by: Peppers Catering

Family Name

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

Ages 5 & up: # of meals _____
Vegetarian: # of meals _____

You may also sign up on our website:
easleypresbyterian.org

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

Samantha & Grant Hollis

11:00 a.m.

GINNA LISTER

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Eric Dillon

JANUARY USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Melanie Branham, Head
Greg Lucas, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Eric Goodwin, Head
Melissa Wilbanks, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Roger Kilpatrick

VIDEO

Kevin Taaffe

MEMBER NEWS

We give thanks to God for the life of His servant, Jim McInnis, who died on January 14, 2024, and we express Christian love and sympathy to the family.

The known hospitalizations this week were Barbara Roberts, Tal Seabrook, Martha Daniels.

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