### SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Epiphany February 18, 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 "We Praise Thee, O God, Redeemer" arr. Berry

- \* Call to Worship
- L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

- \* Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 610
- \* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, and renew 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 Givesto Us Through HisWord

Scripture Lesson Psalm 25:1-10

- L: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
- P: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"
- L: I shall not die, but I shall live,
- and recount the deeds of the Lord.

  P: The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Mercy" arr. Courtney Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Acts 4:1-31

Sermon The Acts of the Apostles Dr. Seel VI. A Prayer for Boldness

# We Respond to God's Word

- \* Hymn "Lift High the Cross" No. 826
- \* 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.) "Kyrie" Adult Choir

arr. Courtney

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 "Ah Holy Jesus" 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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 353
- \* 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.

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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 a	and date	: (opt	ional)	
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(These	are kep	t confi	dential	!)

# 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.

Address	
Phone Number	

Name

E	mail Address	
	1st Time Visit	

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Jean Wallis. parents of Jean Smith.

# **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 February 21, 5:30 pm

Menu: Pizza, Salad, & Dessert

Prepared by: Robert Sams

### 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, Katie Guthrie, & Sophie Wilson

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Samantha & Grant Hollis

Kelsey Reynolds

# SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Jack Nunnery

# FEBRUARY USHERS

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Eric Dillon, Head Melissa Wilbanks, Asst.

Eric Goodwin, Head Marian Dawkins, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT** 

**VIDEO** 

Carolyn Brice

John Franks

# MEMBER NEWS

The known hospitalization this week was Bill Wilson.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Mel Brock and family in the death of his sister, Barbara Mitchell of Elberton, GA, who died on February 13, 2024.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Amy Moore and family in the death of her mother, Clara Partin, who died on February 14, 2024.

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Class of 2026 Nick Caldwell Tammy Darity Phil Lyles Chris Robinson David Weaver Jennifer Willis

### Diaconate

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

Class of 2026 **Garrett Charles** Marian Dawkins Lucas Durham Russell Patterson Elizabeth Weaver Melissa Wilbanks

### **Trustees**

David Whittemore

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**Dexter Rogers** 

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