

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

9th Sunday after Epiphany
March 10, 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

Minute for Missions 9:00 a.m. Marge Moon
11:00 a.m. Joanna Griese

Prelude "Percussive Prelude" arr. McChesney
Adult Handbells

* Call to Worship

L: Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**P: For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

L: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**P: The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.**
Psalm 33:8-11

* Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Almighty God,
who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you:
hear us as we come to you
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken your holy laws
by our deeds and by our words,
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in
newness of life;
through the merit of 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 31:1-5, 15-16

L: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

**P: Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

L: For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

**P: Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

L: My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my
persecutors!

**P: Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

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

Scripture Lesson Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60

Sermon The Acts of the Apostles Dr. Seel
IX. The Stoning of Stephen

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 829

* 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" arr. Courtney
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 "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Broughton
Adult Handbells

* 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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 213

* 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 "Christ the King of Glory" 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.

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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Erdman, who died on March 6, 2023, given by his wife, Joan.

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
March 13, 5:30 pm

Menu:

Apricot Dijon Glazed Chicken, Rice, Sauteed Green Beans

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

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.**
Ginna Lister Kristi Dockery

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Britt Burnett

MARCH USHERS

9:00 a.m. **11:00 a.m.**
Mary Ann Merritt, Head Melissa Wilbanks, Head
Eric Dillon, Asst. John Dockery, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT **VIDEO**
Larry Keese John Franks

MEMBER NEWS

We express Christian love and sympathy to Dial DuBose and family in the death of his brother, David DuBose of Greenville, who died on March 3, 2024.

We express Christian love and sympathy to David Weaver and family in the death of his father, Raleigh Weaver of Greenville, who died on March 4, 2024.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Chad Lister and family in the death of his mother, Ginger Lister of Greer, who died on March 5, 2024.

The red rose in the Sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Margaret Adele Robinson, born on March 5. She is the daughter of Charlotte and Ben Robinson and granddaughter of Melissa and Jim Robinson.

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Tammy Darity
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Chris Robinson
David Weaver
Jennifer Willis |
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Russell Patterson
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