

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 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

Presentation of Bibles to 1st and 6th Graders

Prelude "How Great Thou Art" arr. Ray

* Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**People: The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;**

Leader: My heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

**People: The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**
(Psalm 28:6-8)

* Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 463

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin;
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

Litany of Dedication for C.E. Teachers and Volunteers

Leader: God of mercy, love and truth:
we thank you for the gifts you have entrusted
to our Christian Education teachers and volunteers.
We thank you for their commitment, creativity,
and most of all for their faith and for their dedication to
your Word.
We pray that you would fill them with your Holy Spirit
as they lead us ever deeper in our understanding of your
Word.
Sustain them in this holy work to which you have called
them.

**People: God of grace, light, and hope:
Guide each teacher as they study and present
your Word.
Strengthen the gifts that you have given to them,
and uphold them in their labors.
Let your light shine in their faces,
and your love be expressed in their actions.
We pray also, Lord,
that you would inspire us to be eager and faithful
students,
hungry to feast ever more deeply upon the
richness of your Word.**

**All: Wise and wondrous God:
your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Establish in our midst
your ministry of teaching and learning.
Nurture open minds,
foster loving hearts,
deepen thirsty souls,
and build persons of strength.
Sow the seeds of faith,
that from the soil of this congregation
may grow disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord;
in whose Name we pray. Amen.**

Anthem (11:00 am) "In His Hands" arr. Osiek
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Daniel 1:1-21

Sermon Daniel and His Friends Dr. Seel
I. A Jerusalem Life in a Babylon World

Text: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"
Psalm 137:4

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" No. 730

* 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"
Adult Choir

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 kingdom, and
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesus Is All the World to Me" arr. Dean

* 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 "To God Be the Glory" No. 634

* 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 "Govotte" arr. Dupuls

* 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 are today are given by Ginna Lister to the glory of God and in appreciation for all Christian Education volunteers as we begin a new church year.

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???

Do you have a new phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To help keep the church's records current, please fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, call us at 859-4220, or E-mail the office: dicie@easleypresbyterian.org.

Name: _____

New Information: _____

Thank You!

NURSERY STAFF
Valerie Brock and Katie Guthrie

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Samantha & Grant Hollis	Tony Brock

SAFE PLACE MONITOR
Ryan Miller

AUGUST USHERS

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Stephen Roach, Head Brad Wilson, Asst.	John Dockery, Head Michael Baker, Asst.

<u>SOUND & LIGHT</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
Larry Keese	Ryan Moore

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Phil Darity
Dennis Latham
Wilma Shealy
Scott Wilbanks | Class of 2025
Carolyn Brice
Barry Brock
Meg Jewell
Kelvin Kears
Dan Nunnery
Monty Oxendine | Class of 2026
Nick Caldwell
Tammy Darity
Phil Lyles
Chris Robinson
David Weaver
Jennifer Willis |
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Diaconate

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| Class of 2024
Melanie Branham
John Dockery
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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 |
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Trustees

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| David Whittemore | Jack Brock | Dexter Rogers |
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