

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

17th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 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 "Make a Joyful Noise" arr. McDonald

\* Call to Worship

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
**P: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
L: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
**P: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**  
(Psalm 96:1-4)

\* Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" No. 35

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not followed your way.  
You lavish your love upon us,  
yet we let our hearts grow cold to you.  
You wash us clean in your mercy,  
yet we cover ourselves anew in sin.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Help us to love you and one another  
even as you have first loved us;  
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 96

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
**P: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
L: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
**P: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**  
L: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.  
**P: Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**  
L: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
**P: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!**  
L: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
**P: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!**  
L: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
**P: He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

Anthem (11:00 am) "He Never Failed Me Yet" arr. Ray  
Adult Choir with Soloist, Griffin Lewis

Scripture Lesson I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon I Thessalonians Dr. Seel  
I. Faith, Love, and Hope

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" No. 720

\* 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.) "Come and Fill Our Hearts"  
Adult Choir arr. Berthier

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 "Peace in God's Good Time" arr. Burkhardt

\* 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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 366

\* 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 "Trumpet Song" arr. Smith

\* 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.

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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.

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Email Address

1st Time Visit

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Sarah and Blaze Freeman’s birthdays. Given by Abbie and Steve Freeman.

**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.

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

**Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation**

**September 18, 5:30 pm**

**Menu:**

Taco Bar & Dessert

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

**Family Name**

Ages 5 & up: # of meals \_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian: # of meals \_\_\_\_

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

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

**Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.**

**NURSERY STAFF**

Valerie Brock and Katie Guthrie

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Ashley Durham Ginna Lister	Amanda Long & Jacqueline Bettilyon

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Michael Baker

**SEPTEMBER USHERS**

<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Joel Ledbetter, Head Mary Ann Merritt, Asst.	Russell Patterson, Head Joel Ledbetter, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT**

Phil Darity

**VIDEO**

Phil Lyles

**MEMBER NEWS**

We express Christian love and sympathy to Linda Winemiller and family in the death of her husband, Ken, who died on September 4, 2024.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**Session**

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**Diaconate**

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**Trustees**

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