SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025
9:00 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 "Siciliano" arr. Holstein
Flute: Renee Keese Piano: Marianne Norris

* Call to Worship

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
P: Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
L: Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
P: Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
Psalm 118:1-4

* Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 12

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God,
we confess that we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.
Have mercy on us, we pray,
for our weak faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.
Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for your justice and righteousness, and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words; 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 118:1-17

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for his steadfast love endures forever!
P: Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
L: Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
P: Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
L: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
P: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
L: The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.
L: It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.
P: All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
L: They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
P: They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
L: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.
P: The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
L: Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"
P: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Fall Slow Tears" arr. Schram
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson John 4:46-54

Sermon The Gospel of John Dr. Seel
XIII. Your Son Will Live

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" No. 439

* 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.) "When Jesus Wept" arr. Roberts
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 "Arioso" arr. Wilson
Flute: Renee Keese Piano: Marianne Norris

* 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 "Declare His 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.

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Name and date: (optional)

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(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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Name

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Address

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Phone Number

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Email Address

☐ 1st Time Visit

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God and with appreciation and love to Rev. Dr. Christie Gravely, Edward, Leighton, and Taylor. From the staff of Easley Presbyterian Church.

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 26, 5:30 pm

Menu:
Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Roll, Dessert
Prepared by: Pepper's Catering

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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 & Ella Grace Respass

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Meg Messerich	Kellie & Avery King

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Marty Kwasniewski and James Reynolds

MARCH USHERS

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Eric Dillon, Head Anna Goodwin, Asst.	Mary Crittendon, Head Grant Hollis, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT	VIDEO
Carolyn Brice	Phil Lyles

MEMBER NEWS

We express Christian love and sympathy to Jo Moore and family in the death of her mother, Evelyn Watkins, who died on March 15, 2025.

We express Christian love and sympathy to Sue Barker and family in the death of her mother, Dorothy Houck, who died on March 18, 2025.

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