

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 3, 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

Presentation of Bibles to 1st and 6th Graders (11:00 a.m.)

Prelude “Presto” arr. Pescetti

\* Call to Worship

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
**P: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine forth.**  
L: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might and come to save us!  
**P: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
(Psalm 80:1-3)

\* Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 611

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we shall be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more  
into your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

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 a.m.) “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Courtney  
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson John 10:1-21

Sermon The Gospel of John Dr. Seel  
XXXI. “That They May Have Life”

We Respond to God’s Word

\* Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” No. 802

\* Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

**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.) “What Does the Lord Require of You”  
Adult Choir Strathdee

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, for ever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “The Gift of Love” arr. Hopson

\* 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 “Sing and Rejoice Greatly” arr. Smith

\* Congregation Stands

WELCOME TO  
WORSHIP!

Please take a moment to  
sign and pass the Friendship  
Register in the pews. If you  
are visiting and wish to learn  
more about EPC, leave your  
contact information. If you  
are interested in becoming  
a member, check ‘wish to  
join’ and a pastor will be in  
touch with you.

Visiting EPC?  
The Connections Class  
is for you!

An opportunity for those  
visiting or new who want to  
meet the pastor, staff, and  
others or to learn more  
about EPC.

The class meets from  
10:00 – 10:40 am  
in the church library  
every second Sunday.

The next  
Connections Class  
will meet on  
August 10.

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer need,  
please fill out the following  
and place it in the offering  
plate.

Your Name

Prayer Need: \_\_\_\_\_

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or you may  
scan this QR  
Code:



The EPC Staff and Prayer  
Team will pray for your  
request this week. Requests  
are kept confidential.

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my birthday and in thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings. Given by Pat Young.

## **OPEN DATES FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

August 24  
September 7, 14  
October 12, 19  
November 16

Reserve a Sunday to honor a loved one by displaying a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary. Sign up on the Flower Calendar outside the church office.

## **NEW INFORMATION?**

Have you moved or have a new home phone, cell phone or new email address? Do you have any changes in your family's information?

To help us keep the church's records current, please call us at (864) 859-4220 or you may email [Dicie@easleypresbyterian.org](mailto:Dicie@easleypresbyterian.org).

### **NURSERY STAFF**

Valerie Brock & Ella Grace Respass

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

#### **9:00 a.m.**

Meg Messerich  
& Ginna Lister

#### **11:00 a.m.**

Sally Goodwin  
& Ashley Durham

### **SAFE PLACE MONITORS**

Cliff Lutz and Zach Martin

### **AUGUST USHERS**

#### **9:00 a.m.**

Michael Baker, Head  
Lori Brock, Asst.

#### **11:00 a.m.**

Lori Brock, Head  
Grant Hollis, Asst.

### **SOUND & LIGHT**

Marty Kwasniewski

### **VIDEO**

Ryan Moore

### **MEMBER NEWS**

The known hospitalizations this week were Jerry Allen and Thom Moore.

We welcome our new members:

Mark and Amy Hendricks  
Jake Fortenberry

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **Session**

<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>
Carolyn Brice	Nick Caldwell	Julie Bishop
Barry Brock	Tammy Darity	Phil Darity
Meg Jewell	Phil Lyles	Eric Goodwin
Kelvin Kearse	Chris Robinson	Kathy Lyles
Dan Nunnery	David Weaver	Al Robinson
Monty Oxendine	Jennifer Willis	Scott Wilbanks

### **Diaconate**

<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>
Michael Baker	Garrett Charles	Mary Crittendon
Lori Brock	Marian Dawkins	Anna Goodwin
Eric Dillon	Lucas Durham	Joanna Griesse
Candice Ledbetter	Russell Patterson	Grant Hollis
Annie Rossley	Elizabeth Weaver	Larry Keese
Brad Wilson	Melissa Wilbanks	Erica Van Wagner

### **Trustees**

Dottie Grantham	Dexter Rogers	David Whittemore
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# ***Easley Presbyterian Church***



## **August 3, 2025 Rally Day**

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