

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 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

Minute for Missions Presbyterian Women

Prelude “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Page

\* Call to Worship

L: I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my  
stronghold.  
P: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.  
(Psalm 18:1-3)

\* Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” No. 667

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord Jesus, forgive our sins.  
Forgive the sins that we remember,  
and the sins we have forgotten.  
Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation,  
and those times when we have been stubborn in the  
face of correction.  
Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others,  
and the leniency we have shown ourselves.  
Forgive the lies we have told to others,  
and the truths we have avoided about ourselves.  
Forgive us the pain we have caused others,  
and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.  
Lord Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole.  
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 with Children

Little ones to Him belong:  
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 18:20-32

L: The Lord dealt with me according to my righteousness;  
according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.  
P: For I have kept the ways of the Lord,  
and have not wickedly departed from my God.  
L: For all his rules were before me,  
and his statutes I did not put away from me.  
P: I was blameless before him,  
and I kept myself from my guilt.  
L: So the Lord has rewarded me according to my  
righteousness,  
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.  
P: With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself  
blameless;  
with the purified you show yourself pure;  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem  
tortuous.  
L: For you save a humble people,  
but the haughty eyes you bring down.  
P: For it is you who light my lamp;  
the Lord my God lightens my darkness.  
L: For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
P: This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the Lord proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in  
him.  
L: For who is God, but the Lord?  
And who is a rock, except our God?—  
P: The God who equipped me with strength  
and made my way blameless.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) “Now I’m Found” arr. Osiek  
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson John 12:37-50

Sermon The Gospel of John Dr. Seel  
XXXIX. Shall Not Remain in Darkness

We Respond to God’s Word

\* Hymn “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” No. 662

\* 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.) “Be Still and Know” Bell  
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, for ever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Give Me Jesus” arr. Thomas

\* 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 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” No. 744

\* 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 “Go Out with Joy” arr. McDonald

\* 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 Connections Class will meet again on October 12.

PRAYER REQUEST

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

Your Name

Prayer Need:

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 honor of Addie’s 20th birthday. Given by Jason, Stacy, Lucy, Molly and Anna Kate Sanders.

NEW INFORMATION?

Have you moved or have a new phone number or new E-mail address? To help us keep the church’s records current, please call the church office at 859-4220. If you call after hours, you may leave your information on Extension 12, or you may E-mail [dicie@easleypresbyterian.org](mailto:dicie@easleypresbyterian.org)

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

October 1, 5:30 pm

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, and Fruit

Prepared by: Chuck Dawkins

Family Name

Number of meals: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Ella Grace Respass & Volunteers

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

Grant & Samantha Hollis

11:00 a.m.

Jake & Maggie Fortenberry

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Zach Martin and David Owen

SEPTEMBER USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Michael Baker, Head  
Annie Rossley, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Weaver, Head  
Joanna Griesse, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Carolyn Brice

VIDEO

John Franks

MEMBER NEWS

The known hospitalizations this week were Mary Covington, Doug Pacheco, Janice Pritchett, and David Whittemore.

The red rose in the Sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Elizabeth MacKenzie Lutz, born September 23. Eliza is the daughter of Sarah and Cliff Lutz and grand-daughter of Melody and Royd Lutz.

We welcome our new member, Kathy Grant.

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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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