

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
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 "Minuet" J. S. Bach
Caroline Norris, Viola

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**People: They shall speak of the glory of your
kingdom
and tell of your power.**

(Psalm 145:8-11)

* Hymn "Sing Glory to the Name of God" No. 10

* Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting life:
we confess that we continue in the ways of death.
You are faithful in keeping your promises,
but we fail to keep your word.
You offer us the gift of peace,
but we choose to remain captive in our fears.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out mercy upon us,
heal our troubled hearts,
and lead us to walk in your light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

**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.**

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 119:97-106

Leader: Oh how I love your law!
It is my meditation all the day.

**People: Your commandment makes me wiser than my
enemies,
for it is ever with me.**

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.

**People: I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.**

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

**People: I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.**

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**People: Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

**People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.**

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Anthem "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hopson
Adult Choir with Olivia Roach, Violin (11:00 a.m.)

Prayer with Children
(Three-Year-Olds to Five-Year-Olds may leave for Children's Church)

Scripture Lesson II Peter 1:16-2:3

Sermon II Peter Dr. Seel
II. A Lamp Shining in a Dark Place

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 459

No. 581 * 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 "If You Believe and I Believe"
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

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,
forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "There Is A Time" arr. Courtney
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 307

* 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.*
(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir)

* Postlude "Joy in God" arr. Blake

* 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!)

Publication Deadlines

Weekly Bulletin

Tuesdays by noon.

Send information to:

jonene@easleypresbyterian.org

Quarterly Newsletter

Send information to:

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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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, John and Jean Blackston. I am so thankful for all of the Lord's blessings on me. Given by Jonene Garrett.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

OPEN DATES:

- June 18,25
- July 9,16,23,30
- August 6,13,20
- September 3,10
- October 1,8,15

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.

USHER VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer to usher, please fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

Name

NEW INFORMATION

Do you have any changes in your family's 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), help us keep the church's records current, please call Jonene at 859-4220 or email jonene@easleypresbyterian.org

NURSERY STAFF

Georgia McGovern—Infants and Sherry Erickson—Toddlers

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m. Worship
Ashley Durham

11:00 a.m. Worship
EPC Nursery Staff

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
(3-Year-Olds—5-Year-Olds)

9:00 a.m. Worship
Ginna Lister

11:00 a.m. Worship
Ashley Jameson

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

TODAY'S GREETERS

9:00 a.m.
Jay Edwards
Mimi Edwards

10:00 a.m.
Jay Edwards
Mimi Edwards

11:00 a.m.
Betty Juberg
Phyllis Sams

MAY USHERS

9:00 a.m.
Carey York, Head
Rex Rice, Asst.
John Fulcher
Bob Hunt

11:00 a.m.
Wilma Shealy, Head
Meredith Greene, Asst.
Martha Daniels
Mitch Greene
Phalba Jeanes
Roger Levesque
David Whittemore

SOUND & LIGHT

9:00 a.m.
Kelli Burnett

11:00 a.m.
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MEMBER NEWS

The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered today to Peri Virginia Ritchie, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Peri is the daughter of Josh and Megan Ritchie.

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| Robert Sams | Wilma Shealy | Elizabeth Weaver |
| Carey York | Chris Stover | Will Young |

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