

**ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 8TH, 2019**  
**ADVENT WEEK 2**



**“WHO WARNED YOU?”**

**Rev. John Stuart: Pastor**  
**April Cyr: Office Administrator**  
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**Joy Bornhoeft: Family Min. Director**

**Farrah Linkous: Youth Director**  
**Nancy Berry: Organist**  
**Joe Jaynes: Choir Director**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**11:00am Worship Service**

**Planet Worship**

**12:15pm Stewardship Mtg**

**4pm IT Team Meeting**

**5pm Nativity Pageant**

**6pm Christmas Potluck**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**7:30pm AA**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**6:15pm AA**

**WED, DECEMBER 11**

**5:45pm Wed. Night Dinner**

**6:30pm Pioneer Club**

**6:15pm Journey 7**

**6:20pm Sonshine**

**6:30pm Handbells**

**6:40pm Bible Study**

**7:30pm Choir**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**10am PW Circle and**

**Christmas Luncheon**

**7pm Worship Planning Mtg.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**8:00PM AA**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

 **Erin Presbyterian  
Church**

 **@erinpreschurch**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**9AM-3PM**

**865.588.5350**

**Please welcome our new members!**

**Ryan Blanchette**

**Kathy Boyd**

**Diane Geraci**

**Glenda King**

**Duane & Lisa Parker**

**MEETING WITH THE PASTOR**

**If you would like to schedule a personal meeting or a house call, contact the church office at 588-5350.**

**You may also call Pastor Stuart directly on his cell phone at (865) 454-3942 but please be sure to leave a voicemail if he cannot answer.**

**You may also email him at:  
[pastor@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@erinpresbyterian.org)**

**Sunday 12.1.19**

**Attendance 95**

**Offering \$11,014**

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Church by [clicking here](#)**

**WELCOME TO ERIN CHURCH!**

- **Visitors, please complete the Blue Visitor Card in the pew and place it in offering plate, and grab your gift bag in the narthex!**
- **Erin offers a nursery and children's worship program suited specifically for the younger members of your family. Our Greeters will be happy to provide more information.**
- **You can make a prayer request by using the back of the Blue Visitor Card and putting it in the offering plate.**

## FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Jeremiah 28:1-16	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Jeremiah 29:15-32	Jeremiah 30:1-11
Colossians 4:1-18	1 Thessalonians 1	1 Thessalonians 2	1 Thessalonians 3
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
Jeremiah 30:12-24	Jeremiah 31:1-14	Psalm 146:5-10	
1 Thessalonians 4	1 Thessalonians 5	Matthew 11:2-11	

### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

***Psalm 72:4 "May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor."***

God has always been concerned with, and compassionate towards, the vulnerable and needy. Throughout the Book of Psalms and the Prophets, God continually warns leaders and people with power about their responsibilities with regard to helping and resourcing those who are powerless. God's expectations are high, so when those who can help ignore the cries of the least, they are not held guiltless by God, but will one day answer for their indifference and neglect. This is something that Jesus also emphasized throughout His life, ministry, and teaching, so as Christians, we need to be aware and apply it in our own lives.

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22
<i>Coffee</i>	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay
<i>Greeters</i>	Ron and Sonja DuBois	Dave and Sara Leckie	Brooker Eggers Janice James
<i>Bell Ringer</i>	Elliott Blanchette	Isabella Armsworth	Thomas Hopkins
<i>Guide</i>	Ella Levering	Bob McLean	Lynn Sexton
<i>Reader</i>	Madeline Stinnett	Diana Brandon	Betty Gibbs
<i>Ushers</i>	Jim Montgomery Marcia Mechlin Larry & Anna McKay	Eva Quinley Rob Lynch Pat Wallin Ron DuBois	Robbie, Chloe & Ella Levering Cathy Van Ostrand
<i>Planet Worship</i>	Kelly Boyd	Mary V. Paletta	Erin McCallum
<i>Counters</i>	Neill Murphy Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy Mike Jones	Craig Strand John House
<i>Nursery</i>	9:20 Apryl Quinn 10:30 Apryl Quinn Nehemiah	9:20 Madeline S. 10:30 Kay Penn. & Helper	9:20 Kelcey Levering 10:30 Kim Penn. & Kenleigh



# Service of Worship for the Lord's Day December 8, 2019



*\*Those who are able, please stand.  
This week's prayers are written by Kim Jaynes.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & A WORD OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**....."Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" .....Schwartz

## **ADVENT WEEK 2: PEACE**

Class: When Christ returns, He will bring peace to our divided world.

***All: We will gladly prepare for that glorious day.***

*- Lighting of two purple candles -*

Class: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Amen.

**HYMN**....."On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry" .....#96

## **PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Guide: God, we're told to worship You as long as the sun shines and the moon gives light. The moon and sun have existed since the earth came into being. Without the sun's light, life on earth could not exist. So long as people live on this planet, we are to worship You.

***People: You set the standard by which our lives are measured. We can never attain Your perfection, but we must do our best to demonstrate Your love, Your justice, and Your integrity and uphold those who do the same. Instead, we support what's best for us, our family, and others like us. But that's wrong. May we be honest enough to admit our mistakes and brave enough to confess them to You.***

*- Silent Confessions -*

Guide: Confront us when we act only in our own interests. Convict us when we ignore Your values and overrule Your priorities. May we constantly work not for our will, but Yours, as your Son taught us: ***"Our Father – THE LORD'S PRAYER" (debts/debtors).***

## **PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

Guide: It's hard to believe a perfect God listens to imperfect beings like us; yet because of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf, God not only hears us but forgives us when we sincerely confess our mistakes and dedicate our lives to becoming His disciples. Amen.

**\*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (sung in unison).....#113**

**“Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!”**

**AUDIO VISUAL TEAM PRESENTATION Konnor Stump**

**ANTHEM.....“An Advent Prelude” .....Charles Callahan  
( Chloe Levering on clarinet)**

**FAMILY SERMON.....John Stuart**

Parents and all children, including elementary aged, come forward.  
- Children Ages 4 - 4th Grade may exit Sanctuary for Planet Worship -

**NEW MEMBERS JOIN CHURCH**

**WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM PRESENTATION Kellan Sarles**

**PRAISE BAND.....“The King of Glory Comes”**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

Pastor: Lord, You meet us where we are, especially in the middle of our loneliness, doubt, grief, and pain. When we feel like giving up, You promise hope, healing, strength, and peace.

***People: You are God. We can't tell You what to do. Your will is always best, and deep down we believe this, though it may not always seem best to us. We pray honestly that You will take away our sickness, fear, worry, and overwhelming circumstances. If this is not Your will, help us see with Your eyes so we can accept Your truth. Hear us now as we share our specific concerns.***

***- Silent prayers for ourselves and others. A candle is lit. -***

Pastor: You are always with us, Lord. You are in control, and You use our circumstances to shape us. There may still be pain, and life may be hard, but we know in our hearts that absolutely nothing can separate us from Your love. May that promise be the assurance we need to persevere. Amen.

**WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME (sung in unison).....#92**

**“With power and glory, come;  
With power and glory, come:  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.”**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: Show us the truth in these words for each of us. Help us grasp Your meaning and incorporate it in our actions. May we live in Your truth as Your disciples every minute of every day. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

-CONGREGATION READS ALOUD THE VERSES IN **BOLD** TYPE -

### **Psalm 72:1-7**

1 Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**2 May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**4 May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.**

5 May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**6 May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

7 In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

**ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.**

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

1-2 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

**3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"**

4-6 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

**7-8 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.**

9-10 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

**11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**MESSAGE....."Who Warned You?".....Rev. John Stuart, Pastor**

<b><u>OFFERTORY</u></b> .....	“Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming” .....	Gerald Near
<b><u>*OFFERING</u></b> ( <i>Sung in Unison</i> ).....	“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” .....	#716
<i>God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,  Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, Costly cross, grave’s shattered door:  Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,  Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.</i>		
<b><u>*DEDICATION</u></b> ( <i>Unison</i> )	<i>Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch,  that we may know Your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we antici-  pate the coming of Jesus Christ. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.</i>	
<b><u>*HYMN</u></b> .....	“Prepare The Way, O Zion” .....	#106
<b><u>*BENEDICTION</u></b> ( <i>Unison</i> )	<i>Holy God, from here we go out to a world waiting for Your joy, Your  peace, Your hope, and most of all Your love. Make us shining mirrors that reflect Your light  to everyone we meet. Amen.</i>	
<b><u>*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW</u></b> .....	#609	
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  Praise God all creatures high and low.  Alleluia, alleluia!  Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i>		
<b><u>*POSTLUDE</u></b> .....	“Prepare The Royal Highway” .....	Robert Hobby

## ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

*Unified in Christ, we actively seek  
to create harmony in a diverse community  
through compassion, mutual respect and love.*

# pray for one another

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Connor Quinn  
Katie Bailes  
Carolyn Gahan  
Madeline Blanchette  
Sarah McKay  
Garrett Pittman

McKenzie Stump  
Ashley Draper  
Michelle Waters  
Peter McKay  
Savannah Bilbrey  
Thomas Bilbrey

Jack Draper  
Carson Matthews  
Madeline Griffin  
Hannah Matthews  
Emme Ritchie

## OUR CONGREGATION

Gary Pennington  
Kathy and Bayard Erskine

Randy Sarles  
Kay Pennington

Bob McLean  
Craig Stapleton

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

Erin Harris (daughter of Eva Quinley)  
Margie and Ron Collins (friends of the Leverings)  
Faith Christopher Ramsey (Friend of Lou L Tate)  
Jody Oody (mother of Patty Britton)  
Amy Rivero (friend of the Gibbs Family)  
Hayes Wakefield (friend of the Leverings)  
Christine Vastow (friend of Kelly Schueler)  
Melanie Cobb (friend of Erin McCallum)  
Barbara Bird (friend of the Kisers)  
Mikel Haug (brother-in-law of Pat Wallin)  
Georgia Pennington (Gary's Mother)  
Randy Pennington (Gary's brother)

## MILITARY

Zach Enix (Cousin of Nicole Waters)  
Caitlin Schall (Granddaughter of Cuanys)  
Joshua Cuany (Grandson of Cuanys)  
Gabe Edwards (Cousin of Buster Quinn)  
Jacob Manges (Nephew of Kelly Schueler  
and Grandson of Charles and Linda Ross)

## **BUZZ-E BIBLE VERSE**

### **Psalm 121:1-2**

**"I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help  
come? My help comes  
from the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth."**



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## **The King of Glory Comes**

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.  
Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.  
In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
he goes among his people curing their illness.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.  
Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother,  
in all of Galilee was never another.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.