



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day



January 9th, 2022

This week's prayers are written by Kim Jaynes.

PRELUDE....."Baptized in Water"James Pethel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the living God! Bring songs and prayers to the God of all creation.

People: Hear our prayers and songs, Lord, and consider the intentions of our hearts.

Pastor: May our every breath and every thought be a true act of worship. Amen.

HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" #688

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Lord, today's scripture lesson reveals You as God's own Son in human form, His pride and joy. You promise that we can also become God's beloved daughters and sons if we give up our self-centered mindset by putting You and others first.

People: We want to follow Your Son Jesus, but self-preservation is our default. When we do think of others, we weigh our own convenience and sometimes want those around us to see our acts of kindness. We want to give generously, but we hold back because we might need it someday. We want to stand up for Your children who are hurting, hungry, and broken by systems and circumstances beyond their control, but we hate to make waves or go against popular opinion. Hear our heartfelt confessions, Lord, and change us.

- *Silent Confessions* -

Guide: Forgive us, Lord, and show us how to be Your people here at Erin and in our wider community. We pray the words You taught us: ***Our Father, who art in heaven....***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Hear the amazing news! God forgives us and welcomes us as beloved daughters and sons, sharing His kingdom with a hopeless and hurting world. Amen!

GLORIA PATRI (*Sung in Unison*) Hymn #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. Amen

ANTHEM "Lamb of God" by McDonald & Shackley - Janice James, piano & Nancy Berry, organ

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: Gracious Lord, You tell us not to be afraid; we are Yours, and You know each of us by name.

People: Loving God, You promise that when trouble threatens to overwhelm us, You are right beside us. When we're swept up in a flood of difficulty, You won't let us drown. When challenges surround us like walls of fire, they will not consume us. But people we know, Lord, people we love, are sick and may be fighting for their lives. They're out of work and can't pay the mortgage or buy groceries. They've lost someone they love so much, and can barely get through each day. We say their names now in Your presence; hear us, heal us, and help them.

- Silent prayers for others and ourselves -

Pastor: All people are precious to You, O God. We know You love us. We will not be afraid because You, the God of all time, are always with us. Amen.

"SANCTUARY" (*sung in unison*) from hymn #701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for You.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: We recognize stories from the Bible, but we may still miss their meaning. Help us, Lord, to grasp Your truth and to act on what You reveal to us, because actions demonstrate our understanding. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

1 But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass

through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

4-5 Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

6-7 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Luke 3:15-22

15-16 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17-18 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

19-20 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

21-22 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

ALL: thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE....."Spirit and Fire".....Rev. John Stuart, Pastor

**OFFERING (Sung in Unison) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
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.**

DEDICATION *We are Yours, Lord God, so we return to You this portion out of all You've given us. Use these gifts to bring peace, love, joy, and hope to those who need it most. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN "How Firm A Foundation" #463

BENEDICTION *Jesus is our strong foundation; nothing can shake us as long as we depend on Him. May we remember these promises and know that God is always with us, today and forever. Amen.*

***DOXOLOGY** #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

POSTLUDE....."How Firm a Foundation"Anna Laura Page

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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

Prayer Requests

If you need prayer email us at admin@erinpresbyterian.org

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Hayden Crisp
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OUR CONGREGATION

The Leckie Family

Kathy Erskine

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

Sarah Ryg (Nicola Bone) **Sandra Quinn** (Buster Quinn) **Melanie Cobb** (Erin McCallum)
Phyllis Haulsee and Phillip Enix (Nicole Waters) **Lisa Perry** (Friend of Stuarts)
Margie & Ron Collins (Suzanne Levering) **Kari Hutson** (friends & family of Sarles)
Amy Rivero (friend of the Gibbs Family) **Erin Sherwood** (friend of the Tates)
Heidi Hammond, Rich and Karoline Gallena, Barbara Bird (friend of the Kisers)

MILITARY

Cade Quinn (Son of Buster and Apryl Quinn)
Zach and Noah Enix (Cousins of Nicole Waters)
Gabe Edwards (Cousin of Buster Quinn)

FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Ezra 2:36-70	Ezra 3:1-13	Ezra 4:1-12	Ezra 4:13-24
Luke 7:36-50	Luke 8:1-18	Luke 8:19-39	Luke 8:40-56
FRIDAY	SATURDAY		SUNDAY
Ezra 5:1-17	Ezra 6:1-22		Psalm 36:5-10
Luke 9:1-20	Luke 9:21-36		John 2:1-11

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Isaiah 43:1 But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”

We all have a yearning to belong – to a family, a congregation, a community, or even a nation. We need such important connections to strengthen our spirits and fulfill our lives. Through Jesus, we can belong to God forever, by being blessed with His presence each day on Earth, and even beyond this world into eternity. God redeems us through Christ alone, so we can belong to God eternally. 😊



OUR LOVED ONES ON THE FRONT LINES OF HEALTHCARE

**These are the names of our loved ones serving
in medical facilities during the pandemic.
Please join us in praying for them.**

Emily Radcliffe - Nurse Practitioner (Jim Montgomery)

Bradley Quinley - Hospice Nurse (Quinleys)

Katie Crots - Nurse (Nancy Berry)

Shelly Berry - Nurse (Nancy Berry)

Tom Wallin - Doctor (Wallins)

Melinda Adams - Pediatric Nurse (Drapers)

Suzanne Stinnett - Nurse (Stinnetts)

Kim Filippone - ER Nursing Director (April Cyr)

Ed Filippone - ER P.A. (April Cyr)

Sarah Marcus - Nurse (April Cyr)

Jacob & Hayley Filippone - Nurses (April Cyr)

Amanda Murphy - Social Worker (Murphy)

Anna Bornhoeft - Pharmacy (Bornhoeft)

McKenzie Stump - Nurse (Stumps)

Email April at admin@erinpresbyterian.org or call 865-588-5350 to add a loved one to this list.