



# Erin Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

\*The prayers today were written by Don Quinley.

**PRELUDE** "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Dale Wood

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We, the people of God, gather to worship and praise God Almighty.

**People: May our worship blend with the church triumphant to praise the God of eternity.**

Pastor: God's people come humbly before Him with thankful hearts.

**People: May our worship be a true expression of our thankfulness to God.**

Pastor: Our worship is our acknowledgement that we are Your people, Lord, and You hold us close.

**People: May our worship be a pure perfume to the Lord our God, who by His Son, has redeemed us.**

**HYMN** #796 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

Guide: Heavenly Father, Creator and Almighty God, we come before You to lift our praises to You. You alone are worthy of all praise and adoration. You alone are to be worshipped and celebrated as the only true God.

**People: Our words reflect our praise to You, Lord, but sometimes, our lives do not. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for the lack of acknowledgement of Your Lordship over us. Forgive us for forgetting that Your presence is with us. Forgive us for letting others - and other things - fill our days. Forgive us, for we pray in Jesus' Name.**

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: O Lord, You have heard our confession. By Your Holy Spirit, lead us from confession into repentance for our many sins. We take refuge in Your promised forgiveness.

Now we pray as Christ has taught us to pray, saying: "**Our Father, Who art in heaven...THE LORD'S PRAYER**" (debts/debtors)

## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: The gospel of Jesus Christ is true and unchanged from the day He first spoke it. "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life."

**ANTHEM** "Precious and Fair" arr. by Marilyn Ham     Janice James, piano

## PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: Father God, we know that You are a healer. We know that You heal in body, mind, and soul. We know that You love us and spared nothing to restore us to You.

***People: We, like those You met in Galilee, need Your healing. We need our sins forgiven. Heal us, Lord, of wrong thinking and feelings. You, by the work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have restored us to a favored relationship. We pray not only for ourselves but for all those we know who are in hopelessness now. Heal us, Lord, we pray.***

- We light a candle as we pray silently for others and ourselves -

Pastor: The Lord hears the cry of His people. The mighty arm of the Lord is strong to deliver. The Lord is gracious and abounding in love. For healing in body, mind, and soul, we pray In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, direct our mouth to repeat, and our mind to believe, that Your Word is a lamp to our feet. It is in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Psalm 16:1-11

1-2 Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

***3-4 I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.***

5-6 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely, I have a delightful inheritance.

***7-8 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.***

9-10 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

***11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.***

***ALL: This is the word of the Lord.***

## Luke 17:11-19

11-13 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

**14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.**

15-16 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

**17-18 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”**

19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

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

SERMON “Where Are They?” Pastor Wyn Bryant

## THE APOSTLE’S 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 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 the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING “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

**Almighty God, we pray that this combined offering will be a sweet scent to You. We give it with thankful hearts, acknowledging the abundant blessings You have showered upon us. May it bring Glory and honor to You in its use. It is in Jesus’ Name we give and pray. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #610 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## **BENEDICTION**

***Father God, empower us to remember that we are related to You. Remind us that our lives give testimony to whom we worship. King Jesus, You have given us Your love, not to hold, but to share. Holy Spirit, guide us to opportunities to serve the One, Triune, and Living God, both now and always. Amen.***

**POSTLUDE** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Charles Callahan



## **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

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

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## OUR CONGREGATION

Joe Tate	Suzanne Levering	Crystal Barile	Keith Stump
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## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

**Cathey Jenkins** (mom of Lisa Osborne)      **Steve Barnes** (Husband of Becky Barnes)  
**Jane Brannon**    **Jan Hanks** (Aunt of April Cyr)    **Brian Leckie** (son of Dave and Sara)  
**David** (cousin of Mary Frierson)      **Donna Rogers** (mother of Jenny Rogers)  
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## MILITARY

**Cade Quinn and Gabe Edwards** (Buster and Apryl Quinn)  
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*If you would like to add or delete names to the prayer list, contact April by email at [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org)*



# BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

***Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”***

Asking God for forgiveness is a whole lot easier than forgiving someone else. We tend to feel guilty about our mistakes and want God to quickly get past them, so that we can move on to something. However, when we are asked to forgive others of their persistent mistakes, we find it difficult to allow them the same grace that God gives us every day. We don't want to be a welcome mat or a walkover, so we push back against forgiving others. However, Jesus expects us, as Christians, to forgive others in the same way God forgives us. It is not easy, but did Jesus ever tell us that following Him would not be hard?



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### MONDAY

**Proverbs 26:15-28**

**Luke 22:35-53**

### TUESDAY

**Proverbs 27:1-14**

**Luke 22:54-71**

### WEDNESDAY

**Proverbs 27:15-27**

**Luke 23:1-16**

### THURSDAY

**Proverbs 28:1-14**

**Luke 23:17-38**

### FRIDAY

**Proverbs 28:15-28**

**Luke 23:39-56**

### SATURDAY

**Proverbs 29:1-14**

**Luke 24:1-17**

### SUNDAY

**Psalms 105:37-45**

**Matthew 20:1-16**