



Prayer Requests

We're trying to keep our prayer list up to date. If you have additions or corrections, email admin@erinpresbyterian.org.

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Ella Levering
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OUR CONGREGATION

Mary Nelle Cate
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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

Sexton Family

Debra Poole's Family

Gale Gigeous (mother of Joy Bornhoeft)

Poteet Family (Nicole Waters)

Liz Moore (sister of Randy and Kellan Sarles)

Jon Maxwell (brother-in-law of Betty Gibbs)

Seth Turnbow (son of Cynthia and John House)

Brian Leckie (son of Dave and Sara Leckie)

MILITARY

Zach and Noah Enix (Nicole Waters)

HOMEBOUND

Please send a card or visit our homebound family and friends.

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ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 26TH, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“CLAIMING THE WORDS”

Rev. Anne McKee: Interim Pastor

April Cyr: Office Administrator

Nancy Berry: Organist

Joy Bornhoeft: Family Ministry Dir.

Joe Jaynes: Choir Director

Chloe Leuring: Youth Director

Amelia Brooke: Nursery

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship Service
11:15am Planet Worship
12pm Usher Training
6:30pm Youth Group
7pm AA Book Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:15pm Sonshine
6:15pm Journey 7
6:30pm Handbells
7:30pm Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

8pm AA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

12pm Lynn Sexton Memorial
1pm Reception

 Erin Presbyterian Church Community

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OFFICE HOURS

9am - 3pm
865-588-5350
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200 Lockett Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37919

FLOWERS

Beautiful flowers enhance Sunday mornings and help us celebrate special occasions together. You can sign up in the narthex. It's \$35 for a nice arrangement and you take it home after the service.

DEAR VISITORS

We are so happy you're here with us! We offer a Nursery if you need one. Ask an usher or follow the signs to find it. Use the blue card in the pew to share your contact info and any prayer concerns. It would be an honor to get to know you and pray for you. Just place the blue card in the offering plate.

WE ARE LIVESTREAMING

We livestream the worship service, which includes views of the congregation, as a whole, and a view of children gathered for the family sermon. If you do not want to be visible in the livestream, please see an usher, to guide you to a spot outside of the frame.

MEETING WITH THE PASTOR

To schedule a meeting or house call with Pastor Anne, call 865-588-5350, or email her at pastor@erinpresbyterian.org

DEVOTIONAL READINGS JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jeremiah 1:11-19	Psalm 71:1-6	Psalm 71:7-24
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
I Corinthians 13:1-13		Luke 4:21-30	
			SUNDAY
			Luke 4:31-37

FOR REFLECTION

We move quickly to controversy and rejection of the one sent by God. Jeremiah is called as a prophet, with a great mission, and then is warned of the harsh consequences of speaking truth that people don't want to hear. The psalmist cries out for deliverance from those who unfairly pursue him. Jesus reads scripture in the synagogue and then almost dares his audience to chase him over a cliff, which they do. In the context of all this conflict, Paul counsels love as the greatest spiritual gift. We hold onto love and seek to cultivate it, even in difficult circumstances.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	JANUARY 26TH	FEBRUARY 2ND	FEBRUARY 9TH
COFFEE	David Eggers	Mary Nelle Cate	Jackie Griffin
BELL	Eliza Barber	Craig Strand	Addison Strand
GREETERS	Brooks and David Eggers	Kelli and Tony Denny	Gary and Kay Pennington
GUIDE	Robbie Levering	Diana Brandon	Eliza Barber
READER	Kelcey Levering	Betty Gibbs	Neill Murphy
USHERS	Kim and Dusty Pennington Chloe Levering	David Leckie Riley Chapman Mike Cate	Rickey and Erin McCallum Linda Quinley
COUNTERS	Craig Strand David Eggers	Craig Strand Joe Jaynes	Rickey McCallum Neill Murphy
LIGHTS	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy
SOUND	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy
STREAM	Anna McKay	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins
SLIDES	Rose Armsworth		

humility in recognition of your sovereignty. Father God, supply your healing balm to meet our needs of body, mind, and soul.

People: Father, we pray to you for health and healing. Uphold your Spirit within us. Give us hope. Give us reassurance that you are greater than all that confronts us. Remind us of your power to overcome the forces of the evil one and the illness, conflict, and dissention he loves to infect on us and the world around us. Thank you for reminding us that there is no concern too small or too great to bring to you.

- Silent prayer for others and ourselves -

Pastor: Our God is a loving, compassionate God. He hears and attends to the prayers of his people as we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" James Pethel

***OFFERING** (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** (unison)

Once again Lord, we bring our tithes and offerings to you. We bring them in obedience and a heart of thankfulness. May you bless them to accomplish the work of your kingdom. It is in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer's name, we give and pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

***BENEDICTION** Rev. McKee

For the benediction, please turn toward the center aisle and face one another as we prepare to go out into the world.

***DOXOLOGY** (in unison) #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.**

POSTLUDE "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" John Behnke



Erin Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship



**those able, please stand. Prayers written by Don Quinley.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "This is the Feast" Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As the sun rises in the sky, may our praises and prayers rise to the one true God, maker of heaven and earth.

People: We are here to worship and sing the praises of our wondrous God.

Pastor: The Lord commands us to come into his presence and worship him only.

People: We, the people of God, do joyously give our praises and thanks to God.

Pastor: God reigns on high and turns his face to shine upon us.

People: We will shout for joy to the Lord and worship him with gladness.

***HYMN** #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Almighty God, you alone are worthy of praise. You alone are righteous.

People: We know that you are God and you are righteous. We are here to worship and praise you, but who are we that you should be mindful of us?

Guide: We, your people, the work of your creation, are humbled in your presence.

People: We, again, confess that we have sinned against you. We confess that we have stood before you and heard your words, the commands of a sovereign king, but have not obeyed. We confess that we justly deserve your wrath. But you, Lord, are a God of righteousness and love, forgiving the sins of those who confess and repent. Forgive us Lord, as we confess our many sins.

- Silent Confession -

Guide: Our sins are before you, Lord. We pray for your forgiveness, and that you teach us to forgive others, as Christ has taught us. Now we pray, ***"Our Father who art in heaven . . ." The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Hear the Good News! God reigns on high and his love is made manifest to us by the sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

ANTHEM "You Are the Light" Tom Fettke

FAMILY SERMON Rev. McKee

(Parents and all children, including elementary school students, come forward)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Today is a day of the Lord. Holy God, help us attend to your Word so that we may be illuminated by the Holy Spirit, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with

interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Luke 4:14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16-17 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "Claiming the Words" Rev. McKee

HYMN #772 "Live into Hope"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Father God, hear our prayers for the people of God and the created order. We pray for ourselves, the community around us, the nation, the world, and the leaders of the earthly governments. We continue to make a calamitous mess of your creation. Seeking to be smart, we lack wisdom. Seeking to be good, we lack love. We pray for