

Prayer Requests

HOMEBOUND

Please send a card (or visit) our homebound family and friends.
Connection is a necessity for good health.

Harry and Mary Franz 1337 Farrington Dr. Knoxville, TN 37923

Suzanne Levering Lyons View H&R Rm #316 5837 Lyons View Pike 37919

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OUR CONGREGATION

The Tate Family

Tammy Murphy

Harry and Mary Franz

The Leckies

Gabby Denny

Sarah and Stephen Lamb

Suzanne Levering

Harter & Hayden Crisp Justin Bornhoeft

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

Mary Bryan (Daughter of Allyson Streckfuss)

Amelia Brooke (our Nursery Worker)

Seth Turnbow (son of Cynthia and John House)

Brian Leckie (son of Dave and Sara Leckie)

Neal Campbell (father of April Cyr)

Noel Marcus (niece of April Cyr)

Michelle (cousin of Kelli Canan-Denny)

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ella Levering

Effie Fellers

Anna Bornhoeft

Kenleigh Pennington

Kathryn Bornhoeft

Amelia Brooke

Hallie Fellers

MILITARY

Zach and Noah Enix (Nicole Waters)

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

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 4, 2025

EPIPHANY



“BY ANOTHER ROAD”

Rev. Joseph W. Taber IV, Pastor
April Cyr: Office Administrator
Joy Bornhoeft: Family Ministry Dir.
Joseph Jaynes: Choir Director & AV

Nancy Berry: Organist
Chloe Levering: Youth Director
Amelia Brooke: Nursery

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship Service
12pm Youth Group
7pm AA Book Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

10am Unhanging of the Greens
7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7pm Discipleship Team

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

6:20pm Sonshine
6:20pm Journey 7
6:30pm Handbell
7:30pm Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

7pm Worship Team

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

8pm AA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

9am Men's Breakfast
1pm Sonshine Rehearsal

 Erin Presbyterian Church Community

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OFFICE HOURS
9am - 3pm
865-588-5350

FLOWERS

Beautiful flowers help us to celebrate special occasions. Sign up in the narthex! It's \$35 and you take your arrangement home after the service.

DEAR VISITORS

We're 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.

PASTORAL CARE

If you have an emergency, call Pastor Joseph at 828-443-4757. You can email him at: pastor@erinpresbyterian.org

WE LIVESTREAM OUR SERVICE

If you're new to Erin Church, we want to make sure you know that we livestream our Sunday morning service, along with others at times.

If you want to be out of view, please ask an usher to help you find a good spot to sit.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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MONDAY

TUESDAY Luke

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 18
COFFEE	Pat Wallin	Mary Nelle Cate	Suzanne L.
BELL	William Taber	Addison Strand	Will McCallum
GREETERS	Kelli and Tony Denny	Pat Wallin Gabby Denny	Brooks Eggers Jim Montgomery
GUIDE	David Eggers	John House	Robbie Levering
READER	Sara Lackie	Kellan Sarles	Kelcey Levering
USHERS	Brooks Eggers Rickey McCallum Linda Quinley	Dave and Sara Leckie Robbie Levering	Randy Sarles Mike Cate Erin McCallum
COUNTERS	John House Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy Andy Sarles	Craig Strand Ann Snodgrass
LIGHTS	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy	TBD
SOUND	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy	Kevin Griffin
STREAM	Kevin Griffin	Anna McKay	TBD
SLIDES	Stacie Armsworth	Kevin Griffin	TBD

Pastor: The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

People: *With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.*

Pastor: It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

People: *In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.*

OFFERTORY “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” Johann C. Bach

***OFFERING** (in unison) “In the Bleak Widwinter”

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

***DEDICATION** (unison)

We give you but thine own, great God, whatever that gift may be. Use these offerings in the sight of all your people so that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, as your disciples. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION see insert

***CLOSING HYMN** #136 “Go, Tell it On the Mountain”

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Joseph

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 “As With Gladness, Men of Old” Paul Manz



Erin Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship



*those able, please stand. Prayers written by Pastor Joseph.

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “What Star Is This?” Lani Smith

Nancy Berry, organ Dr. Janice James, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 72)

Pastor: Bless the LORD God, the God of Israel!

People: *The only one who does wondrous things!*

Pastor: Bless God's glorious name forever!

People: *Let his glory fill all the earth!*

Pastor: Amen and Amen!

All: *Come! Let us adore him!*

***HYMN** #150 “As With Gladness, Men of Old”

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (Adapted from Ephesians 3)

Guide: Holy Lord, you are able to do far beyond all we can ask or imagine, and your power is at work within us.

People: *You have given us strong roots of love, so that our inner selves might be strengthened.*

Guide: Yet we fall short of your plan for us. We separate ourselves into “us” and “them,” but your plan is for all to be co-heirs of your kingdom. We judge others to be “greater” and “lesser” and act on our own judgment, rather than serving the gospel. Bring us back to your purpose!

People: *Bring us back to your purpose! Show the rulers and powers the many different varieties of your wisdom through your church! Remind us that in Christ we have bold and confident access to you through faith, as we pray silently together...*

Guide: In Christ's name we pray,

People: *Amen.*

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL (Adapted from Ephesians 1:11-12)

Guide: This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Friends, remember your baptism and believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

#82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" verse 1

ANTHEM Isabella Armsworth - Dance

FAMILY SERMON Pastor Joseph

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Heavenly Father, had you only forgiven our sins, that would have been enough, but you have also given us the gift of Holy Scripture. As we read its words, speak your Word to us, that we might feel your presence and know your will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you.

2 Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you; God's glory will appear over you.

3 Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance.

4 Lift up your eyes and look all around: they are all gathered; they have come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters on caregivers' hips.

5 Then you will see and be radiant; your heart will tremble and open wide, because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you; the nations' wealth will come to you.

6 Countless camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. They will all come from Sheba, carrying gold and incense, proclaiming the Lord's praises.

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

Matthew 2:1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem.

2 They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his

star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him.

4 He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born.

5-6 They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared.

8 He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him."

9-10 When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy.

11 They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "By Another Road" Pastor Joseph

***HYMN** #152 "What Star is This, With Beams So Bright?"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Excerpts from the Confession of 1967

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

People: Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

Pastor: He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

People: In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act.