



ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 18, 2025

ORDINARY 1

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

Bill Brazelton NHC Farragut 120 Cavette Hill Ln. #340 Farragut, TN 37934

OUR CONGREGATION

Randy Sarles

Don Quinley

The Tate Family

Tammy Murphy

The Leckies

Gabby Denny

The Lambs

Suzanne Levering

Justin Bornhoeft

Harter & Hayden Crisp

Harry and Mary Franz

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)

email admin@erinpresbyterian.org to add or remove a name.



“ACTIVELY SEEKING”

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 18

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Office Closed

7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8pm AA

 Erin Presbyterian
Church Community

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 Erin Presbyterian Church

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 3pm Mon-Thurs
Work from home Friday,
available by phone:
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

Harmony is about balance, whether that's balancing a
chord in music or about balancing resources in nature.
In our vision statement, we talk about "Creating Harmony".
What does harmony look like in a community like ours?
How do we find balance among our fellow church members?

MONDAY Micah 6:6-8

TUESDAY I Corinthians 12:12-27

WEDNESDAY James 3:13-18

THURSDAY II Chronicles 30:6-27

FRIDAY Genesis 1:26-2:3

SATURDAY Romans 12:3-9, 15-18

SUNDAY Psalm 133

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 25	FEBRUARY 1
COFFEE	Suzanne L.	David Eggers	Mary Nelle Cate
BELL	Will McCallum	Luna Wiggins	Lucas Barber
GREETERS	Brooks Eggers Jim Montgomery	Linda Quinley Kathy Boyd	Kelli and Tony Denny
GUIDE	John House	Joy Bornhoeft	Eliza Barber
READER	Kellan Sarles	Craig Strand	Neill Murphy
USHERS	Randy Sarles Mike Cate Erin McCallum	Gary Pennington Kim and Dusty Pennington	Jim Montgomery Brooks Eggers David Eggers
COUNTERS	Craig Strand Ann Snodgrass	David Eggers John House	Neill Murphy Andy Sarles
LIGHTS	Neill Murphy	Tammy Murphy	
SOUND	Kevin Griffin	Neill Murphy	Kevin Griffin
STREAM	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins	Rose Armsworth
SLIDES	David Snodgrass	Anna McKay	

People: Hear, O Lord, the petitions we lift in this time of meditation - even those that are heavy and hard to speak. By Your power, bring rest and rescue to those we call to mind - the sick and suffering, the cold and hungry, those who have been isolated or thrown away, for all Your children.

— Whispered prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. —

Pastor: We carry our petitions to you, Lord Christ, believing in your power to make all things right. Even so, we ask that you empower us to pray without ceasing, to listen for your answers, and to see your hand at work. Help us always to share the good news of your extravagant love. All glory to you, Lord God! Amen.

OFFERTORY “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” African American Spiritual

***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)

Bless these gifts, Holy God. May they be placed in the hands of those who most need them, advance the good work of those who rely on it, and continue the ministries and missions of Jesus Christ here and elsewhere. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #741 “Guide My Feet”

***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 “Wade in the Water” African American Spiritual



Erin Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship



*those able, please stand. Prayers written by Kellan Sarles.

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Witness" African American Spiritual
Maurice Hendricks, baritone arr. Hall Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather here to listen, to hear God’s message for each of us.

People: We anticipate the stirring of our hearts, the quickening of our pulse, the stubborn nudging of the Spirit.

Pastor: All who humbly seek, love, and obey the word of God will receive wisdom, courage, and eternal life. Amen.

***HYMN** #728 “Somebody’s Knocking at my Door”

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Holy God, creator of all things and source of all good, we lack the words to praise you fully. We thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, through whom we are able to see you clearly, and by whose life we have a model for our own. We thank you for the magnificence of nature, the tenacity of life, and the wonder of new birth.

People: Every week we confess the same sins, pledge the same vows, resolve to be more Christ-like. And yet, we foolishly believe that it’s a do-it-yourself project! Help us, O Lord, to follow Christ daily, to spend time daily with Jesus, memorize his words, remember his stories, ponder his miracles, and internalize his death and resurrection. Give us, we pray, a hunger for Christ and an ability to recognize him in the faces of others around us. Trusting God’s strength, we confess our weaknesses.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: As Christ said to the woman caught in adultery, so God says to us: “I do not condemn you. Go and sin no more.” Let us pray: **“The Lord’s Prayer” (debts/debtors). p.35 in hymnal**

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, continually obeying my teachings and living in accordance with them, you are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Amen."

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

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

ANTHEM "Make Them Hear You" Maurice Hendricks, baritone

FAMILY SERMON Pastor Joseph

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: God of Wisdom, silence our busy minds and critical spirits. Allow the text to speak the message each one most needs to hear. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 1: 19-27

19 Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry.

20 This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness.

21-22 Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you - the very word that is able to save you. You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves.

23-24 Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like.

25 But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

26 If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless.

27 True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

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

John 1: 35-50

35-36 The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?"

39 He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

40-41 One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ).

42 He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

43-44 The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

45-46 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth." Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" Philip said, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "Actively Seeking" Pastor Joseph

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** top of page 35 in Hymnal

***HYMN** #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: O God, in this quiet time, we reflect on the week's events, the political turmoil, personal tragedies. We worry for our nation and the world our children will inherit. And yet, nothing is new under the sun, the world is forever plagued with trouble. Our only hope is in You, O God. plagued with trouble. Our only hope is in You, O God.