



# ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FEBRUARY 15, 2026

### ORDINARY 5

#### 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**

**Tammy Murphy**

**Joy Catron**

**The Leckies**

**Gabby Denny**

**The Lambs**

**Suzanne Levering**

**Harry and Mary Franz**

**Harter & Hayden Crisp**

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

**Neal Campbell** (father of April Cyr)

**Ernie Eggers** (brother of David Eggers)

**Linda McCune** (sister of Cynthia House)

**Delaney Nicaud** (member of J7)

**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)

**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)



## “MUTUAL RESPECT & LOVE”

**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**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

9:30am Sunday School  
11am Worship Service  
12pm Youth Group  
5pm Praise Band Practice  
7pm AA Book Study

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

7:30pm Men's AA

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

6pm Ash Wednesday  
Walkthrough Experience  
6:20pm Sonshine  
6:20pm Journey 7  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Choir

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

7pm Session Meeting

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

8pm AA

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

10am Gifts of Children Rehearsal  
6:30pm BreadBreakers

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**OFFICE HOURS**

9am to 3pm Mon-Thurs  
Work from home Friday,  
available by phone:  
865-588-5350



**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are shared in celebration of David McKay's Birthday. Happy Birthday, David!

**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.

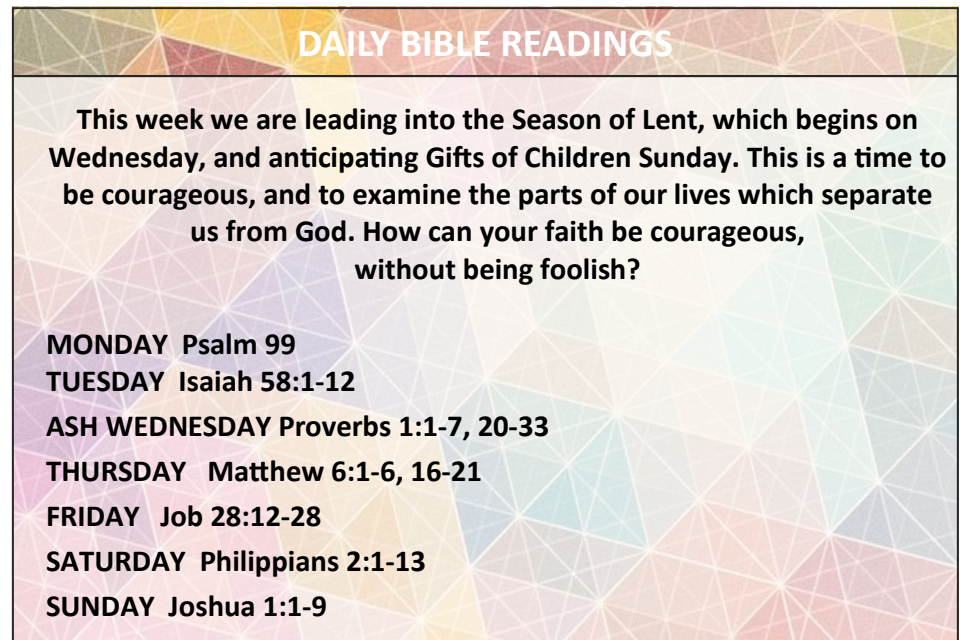


**PASTORAL CARE**

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**

This week we are leading into the Season of Lent, which begins on Wednesday, and anticipating Gifts of Children Sunday. This is a time to be courageous, and to examine the parts of our lives which separate us from God. How can your faith be courageous, without being foolish?

MONDAY Psalm 99

TUESDAY Isaiah 58:1-12

ASH WEDNESDAY Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33

THURSDAY Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

FRIDAY Job 28:12-28

SATURDAY Philippians 2:1-13

SUNDAY Joshua 1:1-9

**SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

	FEBRUARY 15	FEBRUARY 22	MARCH 1
COFFEE	Suzanne Lawrence	David Eggers	Pat Wallin
BELL	William Taber	Craig Strand	Addison Strand
GREETERS	Kathy Boyd Jim Montgomery	Erin Youth	Kelli & Gabby Denny
GUIDE	Stacie Armsworth	Erin Youth	Craig Strand
READER	Betty Gibbs	Erin Youth	Sara Leckie
USHERS	Dusty, Kim, and Gary Pennington	Erin Youth	Jim Montgomery Linda Quinley Erin McCallum
COUNTERS	Ann Snodgrass David Eggers	Andy Sarles John House	Rickey McCallum David Eggers
LIGHTS	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy	
SOUND	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy	Kevin Griffin
STREAM	Phil Watkins	Anna McKay	Phil Watkins
SLIDES	David Snodgrass	Phil Watkins	

Pastor: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Amen.

**OFFERTORY** "My Son is Love Unknown" Michael Burkhardt

**\*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)  
*Because we have received so abundantly, we give generously. May our gifts extend the reach of the gospel. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #286 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

**\*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** "Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'" Flor Peeters

## ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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



# 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** "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" Ron Mallory  
*Joyful Sounds Handbell Ensemble*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord, dedicating this hour to God alone.

**People: We set aside the petty thoughts, the anxious fretting, the masks we wear and the props we cling to.**

Pastor: We open our hearts to God and ask God to come in. Amen.

**\*HYMN** #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

## **PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Guide: We praise God because He is the source of all goodness and peace. God has known us from before our birth, understands our pain, helps in our weakness, and strengthens us to do that which we cannot do alone. God answers our prayers and dries our tears. He makes a way where there is no way. His light defies darkness; his joy breaks out even in the midst of grief.

**People: We humbly ask forgiveness for our weakness. Give us, we pray, the courage to stand on your promises and trust in your plan. Give us eyes to see Your hand in all that is good, and the faith to bear all things, believe, hope, and endure all things, knowing that You walk with us.**

*- Silent Confessions -*

Guide: "Do not be afraid," Jesus often said. "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Be strong, then. Take courage, knowing that God provides. Now we pray as Christ taught us: "**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 from sin to enjoy life eternally with the father. Amen.

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**ANTHEM** “May They Be One” Larson

**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**

**Romans 14:1-12**

1-2 Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion. One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.

**3 Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don’t, and the ones who don’t eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them.**

4 Who are you to judge someone else’s servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand).

**5 One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same. Each person must have their own convictions.**

6-7 Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don’t eat, don’t eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too. We don’t live for ourselves and we don’t die for ourselves.

**8 If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God.**

9 This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**10 But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God.**

11 Because it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will give praise to God.”

**12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.**

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

**John 17:5-7, 17-23**

5-7 Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created. “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they

have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

**17-18 Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.**

19 I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

**20-21 “I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me.**

22-23 I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

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

**SERMON** “Mutual Respect and Love” Pastor Joseph

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED** top of page 35 in the Hymnal

**\*HYMN** #301 “Let Us Build a House”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Drawing near to God, we bring our collective prayers to Jesus. We pray for brothers and sisters who are in physical pain, and those who wrestle with depression and anxiety. We pray especially for those who cannot pray for themselves, for those who have never been brought to Christ or feel unworthy of God’s grace.

**People: Remove all doubt, O Lord, as we name the sadnesses and fears we hold inside. We name our brothers and sisters at Erin who are suffering. We pray for those who are grieving and those who are lonely. We pray for all who lack warm homes and hot meals, for the mentally ill and the handicapped. We pray for our nation, its leaders and legislators, that they may be courageous against forces that threaten to dismantle our democracy. We pray for our brothers and sisters across the oceans, that they may enjoy freedom and prosperity, and that peace may reign throughout the world. And we pray for ourselves, that we may be courageous advocates of respect, humility, and love.**

Pastor: In the silence, let us use the powerful tool of prayer that God has given us, naming – silently or aloud – those for whom we pray.

- Prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -