



# 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

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

## OUR CONGREGATION

**The Sarles Family**

**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

**Gynnae Lamb** (daughter of Tony Denny)

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

**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)

# ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MARCH 1, 2026

## LENT 2



## “WISDOM’S WORLD”

**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**

email [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org) to add or remove a name.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

1pm Fellowship Team  
 7:30pm Men's AA

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7pm Discipleship Team

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8pm AA

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#### OFFICE HOURS

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

#### **FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are shared in celebration of Madeline Griffin's Birthday.

Happy Birthday, Madeline!

#### 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](mailto: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**

In order to have a strong relationship with God, we need to seek wisdom, understanding, and closeness, rather than simple knowledge of who God is. Do you long for wisdom? What would it look like to truly pursue it every day?

MONDAY Proverbs 3:19

TUESDAY 1 Corinthians 1:24

WEDNESDAY Psalm 41:5-9

THURSDAY 1 Corinthians 2:7

FRIDAY Proverbs 24:13-14

SATURDAY Matthew 26:6-13

SUNDAY Song of Songs 3:1-5

### **SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15
COFFEE	Pat Wallin	Mary Nelle Cate	Suzanne Lawrence
BELL	Addison Strand	Will McCallum	Luna Wiggins
GREETERS	Kelli & Gabby Denny	Pat Wallin Tony Denny	Kathy Boyd Jim Montgomery
GUIDE	Craig Strand	Diana Brandon	Kellan Sarles
READER	Sara Leckie	Neill Murphy	David Eggers
USHERS	Jim Montgomery Linda Quinley Kim Pennington	Dusty Pennington Gary Pennington Erin McCallum	Mike Cate Brooks and David Eggers
COUNTERS	Neill Murphy David Eggers	Rickey McCallum Andy Sarles	Craig Strand Ann Snodgrass
LIGHTS	David Snodgrass		
SOUND	Kevin Griffin		
STREAM	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins	Kevin Griffin
SLIDES	Joe Jaynes		Anna McKay



# Erin Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship



*to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds.*

Pastor: We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love

***People: by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.***

Pastor: The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator.

***People: Who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.***

**OFFERTORY** "Your Word, O Lord, is Gentle Dew" David Cherwien

**\*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)

***Holy LORD, we offer you these gifts in hope and in gratitude, for you have already done so much on our behalf, and we look forward to what you will do through these gifts, in the sight of all your people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power 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** "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" Michael Burkhardt

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

*\*congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "Lamb of God" arr. Mary McDonald and Larry Stackley  
Dr. Janice James, piano Nancy Berry, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 8)

Leader: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

***People: You made your glory higher than heaven!***

Leader: When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made!

***People: The moon and the stars that you set firmly in place!***

***ALL: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!***

**\*HYMN** #22 "God of the Sparrow"

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION** (Adapted from Ephesians 3)

Guide: God of all peoples, we rejoice in your wisdom! We praise you for the grace you have poured out on us, and for the plans you made for us from the beginning.

***People: You have made us into co-heirs of your kingdom, so that all might share in the knowledge of your powerful love.***

Guide: Yet we find ourselves divided by sin. We judge others to be "greater" and "lesser" and act on our own judgment, rather than serving the gospel.

***People: Renew our faith, and show the rulers and powers the many different varieties of your wisdom through your church. Bring us back to your purpose, as we confess our sins before you in silence.***

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Lord of love, remind us that in Christ we have bold and confident access to you through faith.

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL** (Adapted from 1 Timothy 1:15)

Guide: This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

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

**ANTHEM** "This Do In Remembrance of Me" Judy Hunnicutt

**FAMILY SERMON** Pastor Joseph

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: Dear LORD, we are your people, and you are our God. May these words from Holy Scripture bless those who hear them, and may your Holy Spirit speak through the one who reads them. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**John 1:1-18**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**2-3 He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**6-7 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.**

8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

**9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**

10-11 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

**12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")**

16-17 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**18 No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.**

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

**Proverbs 8:12,20-36**

12 I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence; I have found knowledge and discretion.

**20-21 I walk on the way of righteousness, on the paths of justice, to provide for those who love me and to fill up their treasuries.**

22-23 The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, before his deeds long in the past. I was formed in ancient times, at the beginning, before the earth was.

**24-25 When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs flowing with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth;**

26 before God made the earth and the fields or the first of the dry land.

**27-28 I was there when he established the heavens, when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea, when he thickened the clouds above, when he secured the fountains of the deep,**

29 when he set a limit for the sea, so the water couldn't go beyond his command, when he marked out the earth's foundations.

**30-31 I was beside him as a master of crafts. I was having fun, smiling before him all the time, frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race.**

32 Now children, listen to me: Happy are those who keep to my ways!

**33 Listen to instruction, and be wise; don't avoid it.**

34 Happy are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorposts.

**35 Those who find me find life; they gain favor from the Lord.**

36 Those who offend me injure themselves; all those who hate me love death.

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

**SERMON** "Wisdom's World" Pastor Joseph

**COMMUNION** see insert

**\*HYMN** #174 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" tune of #619

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Selections from "The Confession of 1967")

Pastor: Family of faith, children of God, what do you believe?

**People: We believe that God has created the world of space and time**