



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 Sarles Family **Happy Hilty** **Tammy Murphy** **Don Quinley**

Joy Catron **The Leckies** **Gabby Denny** **The Lambs**

Suzanne Levering **Harry and Mary Franz** **Harter & Hayden Crisp**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

Randy Pennington (brother of Gary Pennington)

Gynnae Lamb (daughter of Tony Denny)

Family of Eliana Jacks (member of Sonshine Co.)

Neal Campbell (father of April Cyr)

Linda McCune (sister of Cynthia House)

Delaney Nicaud (member of J7)

Mary Bryan (daughter of Allyson Streckfuss)

Seth Turnbow (son of Cynthia and John House)

Brian Leckie (son of Dave and Sara Leckie)

Michelle (cousin of Kelli Canan-Denny)

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ella Levering

Effie Fellers

Anna Bornhoeft

Kenleigh Pennington

Kathryn Bornhoeft

Amelia Brooke

Hallie Fellers

MILITARY

Jack Boswell (nephew of Kay Pennington) **Deploying soon**

Zach and Noah Enix (Nicole Waters)

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

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2026

LENT 5



“WISDOM’S EXPRESSION”

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, MARCH 22

9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship Service
11:15am Planet Worship
12pm Youth Group
5pm Praise Band Practice
7pm AA Book Study

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:30pm Men’s AA

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

12pm Staff Lunch Meeting
6pm Pub Theology
6:15pm Pioneer Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

10a and 7p Women’s Bible Study
7pm Session Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8pm AA

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9am FISH Pantry Serve Day

 Erin Presbyterian Church Community

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OFFICE HOURS

9am to 3pm Mon-Fri
865-588-5350

FLOWERS

Beautiful flowers help us to celebrate special occasions. You can 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

Wisdom is a gift, a practical spirituality that engages with the world as we find it. Pursuing understanding helps us encounter the divine in the mundane, and to be changed by the God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all that is around us. What connections do you see between Wisdom Literature and the Gospel? How will you pursue wisdom as we approach Palm Sunday and all that follows?

MONDAY Job 42:1-6

TUESDAY Proverbs 2:1-12

WEDNESDAY Song of Songs 8:6-7

THURSDAY Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

FRIDAY James 1:19-25

SATURDAY Daniel 2:20-22

SUNDAY Matthew 21:1-11

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	MARCH 22	MARCH 29	APRIL 5
COFFEE	David Eggers	Diana Brandon	Pat Wallin
BELL	Lucas Barber	Eliza Barber	William Taber
GREETERS	Dave and Sara Leckie	Pat Wallin Kathy Boyd	Tony and Kelli Denny
GUIDE	Asa Sohn	Erin McCallum	Craig Strand
READER	David Eggers	Rickey McCallum	Betty Gibbs
USHERS	Tony Denny Robbie & Kelcey Levering	Mike Cate Gabby Denny Jim Montgomery	Rickey McCallum Robbie and Kelcey Levering
COUNTERS	David Eggers John House	Neill Murphy Ann Snodgrass	Craig Strand Rickey McCallum
LIGHTS	David Snodgrass	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy
SOUND	Kevin Griffin	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy
STREAM	Joe Jaynes	Kevin Griffin	
SLIDES	Stacie Armsworth	Anna McKay	David Snodgrass



Erin Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship



***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)
*Our tithes we bring as obedience to you. Our offerings we bring as a
 token of our thankfulness. Please bless these tithes and offerings and
 employ them to show the greatness of your providential care and
 great mercy. It is in the name of Jesus Christ, our King, we pray and
 give. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN** #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

***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” Timothy Albrecht

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

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As Jesus drew near to his appointed time, he told his disciples, “I have chosen you out of the world.”

People: We too are chosen to testify, for as we acknowledge his life and death, he too will acknowledge us as his sheep.

Pastor: The work of the Holy Spirit is in you.

People: The Holy Spirit guides us into truth he hears from the Father.

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: His truths from age to age shall firmly stand and his mercy is forever sure.

***HYMN** #457 “How Happy Are the Saints of God”

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Our Lord and God, we humbly come before you to proclaim that you are the Almighty God of the universe. In our part of the world, your creation is ready once again to throw off the chains of winter and burst into spring.

People: Just as seasons change, you call us to see your wisdom in your plan of redemption. It is by your Son’s sacrificial work on the cross that we are unchained from sin and are robed in his righteousness.

Guide: Lord give us eyes to see how marvelous your ways are, as you call us to confess and repent of our sin.

People: Lord, you are a righteous and loving God. Hear us as we confess our many sins and help us to repent from them.

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: We pray for your forgiveness and ask that you teach us to forgive others, just as Christ taught us in praying: ***“The Lord’s Prayer” (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: For all who are seeking the grace of God, draw near and know that we are redeemed by the blood of the sacrificial lamb, Jesus Christ, our Savior. By him, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

#223 “When I survey the Wondrous Cross” v.4

ANTHEM "Spirit, Open My Heart" Alfred Fedak

FAMILY SERMON Pastor Joseph
(Parents and all children, including elementary school students, come forward)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: The wisdom and truth of God and his people are given to us in the Holy Scriptures. Let us attend to those truths and be doers of the Word.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 28:1-8

1 The wicked run away even though no one pursues them, but the righteous are as confident as a lion.

2 When a land rebels, there are many leaders; but a person with understanding brings order.

3 Poor people who oppress the needy are rain that washes away food.

4 Those who abandon Instruction praise the wicked, but those who follow Instruction battle them.

5 Evil people don’t understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand everything.

6 Better to be poor and walk in innocence than to be on crooked paths and wealthy.

7 Intelligent children follow Instruction, but those who befriend gluttons shame their parents.

8 Those who become rich through high interest rates gather money for those who are generous to the poor.

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

James 3:13-18

13 Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom.

14 However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic.

16 Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil.

17 What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine.

18 Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON “Wisdom’s Expression” Pastor Joseph

***HYMN** #757 “Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Most Heavenly Father, we know that you hear our prayers and deep sighs. We pray for those whose lives are tormented by war, famine, illness, despair, and lack of compassion. We pray for those and ourselves who’s loved ones are still suffering and those who have joined the church triumphant.

People: Lord, your mercies are far greater than we can fathom. By the leading and power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to be salt and light to those who are suffering. Give us courage to sacrifice our time, talents, and wealth to bring glory to you. Lead us in being those who love you, our families, and our neighbors as we remember them now.

— We light a candle as we pray for others and ourselves —

Pastor: God is greater than all. Nothing can separate us from God’s love and compassion. He hears us and is eager to bring us the desires of our heart as we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

OFFERTORY “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” Paul Manz