

# 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**      **Mike Cate**      **Happy Hilty**      **Tammy Murphy**

**Don Quinley**            **Joy Catron**      **The Leckies**      **Gabby Denny**

**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.)

**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)

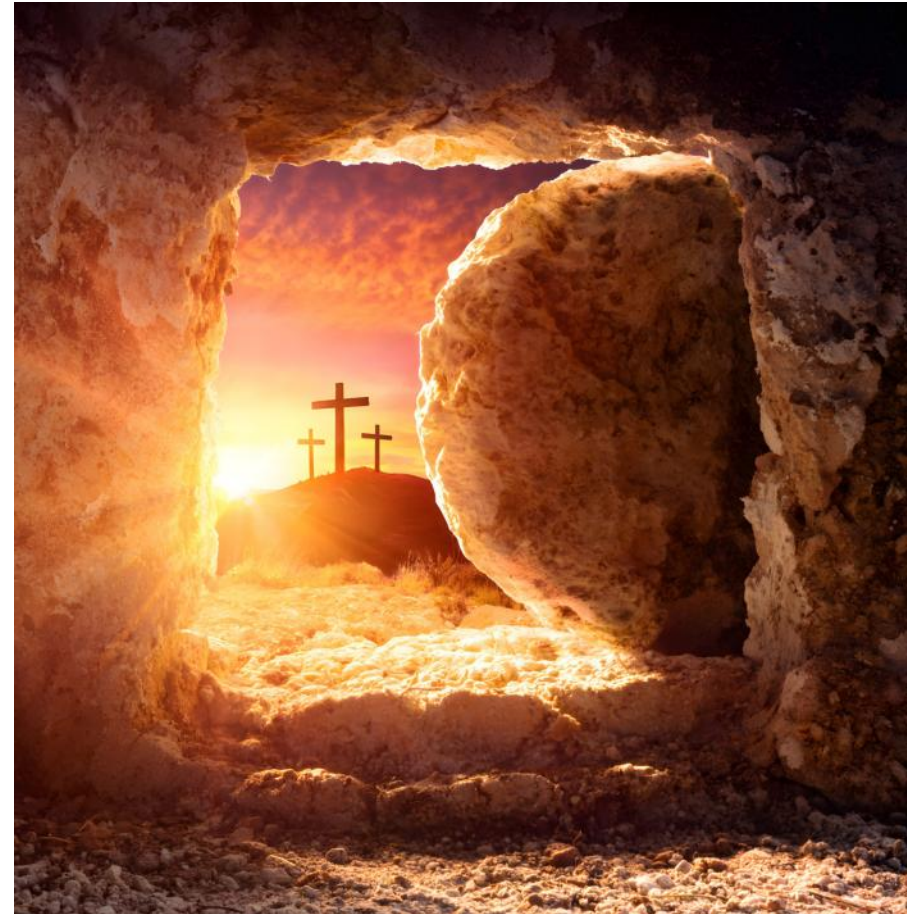
**Zach and Noah Enix** (Nicole Waters)

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# ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## APRIL 5, 2026

### EASTER SUNDAY



## “JUST AS HE SAID”

**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, APRIL 5**

**HAPPY EASTER**

9:30am Brandon Breakfast  
11am Easter Celebration Service  
7pm AA Book Study

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

7:30pm Men's AA

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

7pm Discipleship Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

10a and 7p Women's Bible Study  
7pm Worship Meeting

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

8pm AA

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

9am Men's Breakfast  
9:15am Lydia Circle

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today or shared in celebration of a beautiful spring and to new beginnings on Easter.

-Sara Leckie

**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 or 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 also email him: 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**

Scripture tells the story of God's relationship with God's people, teaches us to recognize what God is doing in the world, and equips us to faithfully respond to and participate in that action. Where have you seen God working in an unexpected place?

MONDAY Exodus 14:10-31

TUESDAY Exodus 15:1-8

WEDNESDAY Song of Songs 2:8-15

THURSDAY I Corinthians 15:1-11

FRIDAY Psalm 16

SATURDAY Acts 2:14a, 22-32

SUNDAY John 20:19-31

**SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

|          | APRIL 5  | APRIL 12                                  | APRIL 19                                    |
|----------|--|---|---|
| COFFEE   | Pat Wallin                                       | Mary Nelle Cate                           | Suzanne L.                                  |
| BELL     | William Taber                                    | Ginger Thompson                           | Craig Strand                                |
| GREETERS | Tony and Kelli Denny                             | Pat Wallin<br>Kathy Boyd                  | Regina Bishop<br>Jim Montgomery             |
| GUIDE    | Craig Strand                                     | Eliza Barber                              | Kelcey Levering                             |
| READER   | Betty Gibbs                                      | Stacie Armsworth                          | Robbie Levering                             |
| USHERS   | Rickey McCallum<br>Robbie and<br>Kelcey Levering | David Leckie<br>Jim Thompson<br>Mike Cate | Linda Quinley<br>Brooks and David<br>Eggers |
| COUNTERS | Craig Strand<br>Rickey McCallum                  | David Eggers<br>John House                | Ann Snodgrass<br>Andy Sarles                |
| LIGHTS   | Neill Murphy                                     | Kevin Griffin                             |   |
| SOUND    | Tammy Murphy                                     | Joe Jaynes                                |   |
| STREAM   | Kevin Griffin                                    | Anna McKay                                | Phil Watkins                                |
| SLIDES   | Phil Watkins                                     |   |   |



# Erin Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship



**\*DEDICATION** (unison) *Adapted from Ephesians 1*

*God of truth and glory, you have brought all things together in Christ, the things on heaven and the things on earth. We have also received an inheritance in Christ and are called to be an honor to your glory because of our hope in Christ. Work through these gifts, which we dedicate together, so that we might share in the work of the Holy Spirit in this church, and among all our neighbors.*

**COMMUNION** *see insert*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

**\*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) #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

**POSTLUDE** "Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain" from 'Messiah' G.F. Handel  
Brass Ensemble

### ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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

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

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Joel Raney  
Dr. Janice James, piano Nancy Berry, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from Psalm 118*  
Pastor: Hear the sounds of joyful songs and deliverance!

**People: The LORD's strong hand is victorious!**

Pastor: This is the day the LORD acted;

**People: We will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

Pastor: The LORD is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

**All: Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*HYMN** #233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

### PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*Adapted from Jeremiah 31 and Acts 10*

Guide: Dear LORD our God, we rejoice that your love for us lasts forever, and that in your unfailing love you have drawn us to yourself.

**People: You are the God of all peoples and all families, showing no partiality and giving us a place of rest in your grace.**

Guide: Yet even as we worship you, we confess that we do not always do what is right and acceptable in your sight. You have given us a message of peace, but too often we place our trust in the sword.

**People: Your love for us is unfailing, but we often fail to show and share that love with all your people. We ignore your presence among us, and among those who are oppressed. Give us the faith to believe the testimony of the prophets as we seek forgiveness for our frailties and failings in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: God of the resurrection, we know forgiveness is poured out even before we know we need it. We know that your grace builds us up and equips us to dance with joy. We rejoice in the new life you have given us, and we raise our voices with praise, for you have saved all your people.

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL** *adapted from Romans 8*

Guide: Scripture shows us that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created. God raised Jesus from the dead so that we might hear and heed the good news of the Gospel:

***People: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our risen Lord! Alleluia! Amen!***

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

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

**ANTHEM** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Douglas Benton

**FAMILY SERMON** Pastor Joseph

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: God of life and light, you have given us the gift of holy scripture so we might better understand what you are doing in the world. Reveal your Word to us as these words are read, so that your light might shine through us before all your people. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**I Corinthians 1:21-31**

21 In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching.

***22-23 Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.***

24 But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom.

***25 This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.***

26 Look at your situation when you were called, brothers and sisters! By ordinary human standards not many were wise, not many were powerful, not many were from the upper class.

***27-28 But God chose what the world considers foolish to shame the wise. God chose what the world considers weak to shame the strong. And God chose what the world considers low-class and low-life—what is considered to be nothing—to reduce what is considered to be something to nothing.***

29 So no human being can brag in God's presence. It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus.

***30 He became wisdom from God for us. This means that he made us righteous and holy, and he delivered us.***

31 This is consistent with what was written: The one who brags should brag in the Lord!

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

**Matthew 28:1-10**

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb.

***2-3 Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow.***

4 The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men.

***5-6 But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him.***

7 Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

***8-9 With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him.***

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

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

**SERMON** "Just As He Said" Pastor Joseph

**\*HYMN** #260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS** Serenity Shelter - Erin McCallum

**OFFERTORY** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" Kristina Langlois

**\*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.***

## COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Table

#### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God...Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name, saying,

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy God, we thank you for...we ask all this in the name of your son our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, **The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Excerpts from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Pastor: In life and in death we belong to God

**People: We trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

Pastor: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

**People: God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and death, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Pastor: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**People: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Pastor: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

**People: Even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

## Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

#### Prayer After Communion

#### Vision and Mission

Pastor: The mission of Erin Church is to belong to the diverse family in Christ

**People: to love and accept all as God's children**

Pastor: to become disciples who embody and share the gospel;

**People: and to serve our church and beyond.**

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