

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 Health & Rehab Rm #316 5837 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

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

OUR CONGREGATION

Barbara Edwards	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 Sunshine 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

Kenleigh Pennington

Hallie Fellers

Effie Fellers

Kathryn Bornhoeft

Anna Bornhoeft

Amelia Brooke

MILITARY

Jack Boswell (nephew of Kay Pennington)

Zach and Noah Enix (Nicole Waters)

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

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026

EASTER 2



“UNBELIEVABLE!”

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 12

9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship Service
11:15am Planet Worship
12pm Outreach
12pm Youth Group
7pm AA Book Study

MONDAY, APRIL 13

7pm Nehemiah Action Assembly
@Knoxville Civic Auditorium
7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7pm Session Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8pm AA

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are shared in celebration of my husband Dan and my granddaughter Claire on their birthdays.

-Nancy Berry

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

Presbyterians have long emphasized covenantal theology, which places trust in the promises of God. Almost from the very beginning, church folks have tried to put a fence around those promises. How do we make room for one another as we seek God's promises together? With whom is it hardest to share those promises?

MONDAY | Corinthians 15:12-20

TUESDAY | Corinthians 15:19-28

WEDNESDAY Proverbs 8:32-9:6

THURSDAY Exodus 24:1-11

FRIDAY Psalm 134

SATURDAY | Peter 1:17-23

SUNDAY Acts 2:14a, 36-41

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	APRIL 12	APRIL 19	APRIL 26
COFFEE	Mary Nelle Cate	Suzanne L.	David Eggers
BELL	Ginger Thompson	Craig Strand	Addison Strand
GREETERS	Pat Wallin Kathy Boyd	Regina Bishop Jim Montgomery	Sara Leckie Brooks Eggers
GUIDE	Eliza Barber	Kelcey Levering	Henry Fellers
READER	Stacie Armsworth	Robbie Levering	David Eggers
USHERS	David Leckie Jim Thompson Mike Cate	Linda Quinley Brooks and David Eggers	Kim and Dusty Pennington Gary Pennington
COUNTERS	David Eggers John House	Ann Snodgrass Andy Sarles	Neill Murphy Joe Jaynes
LIGHTS	Kevin Griffin		
SOUND	Joe Jaynes		
STREAM	Anna McKay	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins
SLIDES			Anna McKay

around to know that as pilgrims, our journey remains unfinished. Hunger, war, pain, despair, and division dominate our community and our world. But you promise that one day soon the darkness will fade away, and daytime will finally outlast the night. Spring brings new life, as empty crosses and empty tombs attest.

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

Pastor: May we hold fast to the hope that anchors us in all times and all places, which is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Fill us, your people here in this place, with love that builds up, edifies, and unifies even as the storms of division rage and the winds of dissension blow. May we speak, listen, respond, and act as healers, remembering always that the greatest gift is love. Come Holy Spirit; make it so. Amen.

OFFERTORY “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” 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)

We demonstrate our faith by sharing our time, our talents, and our material resources. May each of us offer what we have so that together we can build your kingdom. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

***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 “Processional on ‘Lift High the Cross’” Charles Callahan



Erin Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship



*those able, please stand. Prayers written by Kim Jaynes.

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Today we worship the risen Christ!

People: In spring creation is reborn, and we, as Christ’s followers, rejoice in the new life all around us.

Pastor: Together we praise the God of all - Father, Son, and Spirit.
Alleluia!

***HYMN** #485 We Know That Christ is Raised

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: God of the universe, you know us inside and out. You recognize when we fail to live as people of your new kingdom. You see every proud, angry, hostile, and uncaring thought, and you know every instance when we ignore your command to love our neighbors.

People: We believe ourselves to be good and righteous people. Our mistakes may briefly trouble us, but we don’t usually dwell on them; sin and guilt don’t play a big part in our everyday lives. But every wrong act, every deceitful thought, is a sin against you. Instead of ignoring the ways we fail to do what is right and good, you ask us to be honest. Convict us of our sins, and hear us now as we confess them to you alone.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Mercy is your default, Lord. May we never take it for granted. Thank you for hearing our confessions and giving us another chance. We trust in your grace alone to forgive, heal, and change us through your Son, who taught us to pray: ***“The Lord’s Prayer” (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal.***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: If we honestly confess our sins, God forgives us immediately and completely. Jesus came to show us a new way to live in this world and the next, and nothing we do will ever separate us from God's endless love. This is good news, indeed. Praise be to God!

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

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

ANTHEM "Mountain" by SonShine Co.

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: May we truly listen, Lord, to your voice in these words we read together. Show us your truth, and inspire us to act accordingly. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

14 Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words!

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. You yourselves know this.

23 In accordance with God's established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross.

24 God raised him up! God freed him from death's dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him.

25 David says about him, I foresaw that the Lord was always with me; because he is at my right hand I won't be shaken.

26-28 Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover, my body will live in hope, because you won't abandon me to the grave, nor permit your holy one to experience decay. You have shown me the paths of life; your presence will fill me with happiness.

29 "Brothers and sisters, I can speak confidently about the patriarch David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this very day.

30 Because he was a prophet, he knew that God promised him with a solemn pledge to seat one of his descendants on his throne.

31 Having seen this beforehand, David spoke about the resurrection of Christ,

that he wasn't abandoned to the grave, nor did his body experience decay.

32 This Jesus God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact.

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

John 20:19-31

19 It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you."

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you."

22-23 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

24-25 Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

26 After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

28-29 Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

30 Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll.

31 But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "Unbelievable!" Pastor Joseph

***HYMN** #256 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, this time of year the darkness almost equals the daytime. The light is beginning to take over, and with Easter the cold sting of death gives way to the radiance of resurrection.

People: And yet — still — we're not quite there. We only have to look