



# Prayer Requests

## HOMEBOUND

Please send a card (or visit) our homebound family and friends.

**Harry and Mary Franz** 1337 Farrington Dr. Knoxville, TN 37923

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## OUR CONGREGATION

<b>Barbara Edwards</b>	<b>The Sarles Family</b>	<b>Mike Cate</b>	<b>Tammy Murphy</b>
<b>Don Quinley</b>	<b>Joy Catron</b>	<b>The Leckies</b>	<b>Gabby Denny</b>
<b>Suzanne Levering</b>	<b>Harry and Mary Franz</b>	<b>Harter &amp; Hayden Crisp</b>	

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

**Randy Pennington** (brother of Gary Pennington)

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

**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)

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

<b>Ella Levering</b>	<b>Effie Fellers</b>	<b>Anna Bornhoeft</b>
<b>Kenleigh Pennington</b>	<b>Kathryn Bornhoeft</b>	<b>Amelia Brooke</b>
<b>Hallie Fellers</b>		

## MILITARY

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

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

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# Erin Presbyterian Church Service of Worship



## April 19, 2026

## Easter 3

\*those able, please stand. Prayers written by Kellan Sarles.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "O Filii et Filiae" (O Sons and Daughters of the King)  
15th Century French Easter Hymn arr. Gilbert Martin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down.

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Pastor: Let us admit our fears. Let us confess our mistakes.

**People: Let us stop pretending that we can fix ourselves and the world without God's help.**

Pastor: Let us kneel before the One who can. Amen.

**\*HYMN** ## 518 "Your Only Son (Lamb of God)"

## PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: We love God because He first loved us. In Jesus, Love was fully realized. On the cross, Love won. From the empty tomb, Love went forth. In His followers, Love lives on. We know how to love ourselves and others because Christ modeled perfect love – inclusive, unconditional, extravagant, and inexhaustible. We are not orphaned, not powerless. Our strength comes from the One who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

**People: Yet, we forget, grow tired, get angry, act like the very people we do not want to be. Our words are not loving, our actions do not reflect Jesus, our wants come before others' needs. Mostly, we try to fix ourselves rather than leaning on God's strength. Like the Apostle Paul, we do not do what we ought to do, but we do what we**

**ought not to do. In the silence, we recall the words and actions that displease You. Please forgive us our trespasses.**

*- Silent Confessions -*

Guide: There is no end to Christ’s forgiveness. Though we are undeserving, He died for us. Christ’s pardon erases our debt and frees us to love ourselves and one another. Now we pray the words Christ taught us. **“The Lord’s Prayer” (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal.**

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

Guide: To all who follow Christ, He promises this: “Those who are last in this world (because they are old or weak, crippled, poor, or powerless) are precious to God. They will be first in the Kingdom to Heaven, and a little child shall lead them. Amen.

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

#196 “All Glory Laud and Honor ” v.4

**ANTHEM** "Amazing Grace" arr. Peter Amidon

**FAMILY SERMON** Pastor Joseph

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: The author of Proverbs reminds us to be attentive to wisdom and apply our hearts to understanding. May God’s holy wisdom, righteousness, and justice be revealed now in the reading of the Word. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**I Peter 1:17-23**

17 Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land.

**18 Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors.**

19 Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb.

**20-21 Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, who through Christ are faithful to the God**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS			
<p>A few weeks ago our Pub Theology group discussed how each of us pictures or understands God. Scripture paints portraits of God in a variety of different roles, including creator, liberator, and sustainer. How can we know God better? How does knowing God help us to love God and neighbor more fully?</p>			
MONDAY Ezekiel 34:17-23			
TUESDAY Ezekiel 34:23-31			
WEDNESDAY Proverbs 3:5-12			
THURSDAY Genesis 12:1-3			
FRIDAY Psalm 31:1-5			
SATURDAY I Peter 2:2-10			
SUNDAY John 14:1-14			
SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS			
	APRIL 19	APRIL 26	MAY 3
COFFEE	Suzanne Lawrence	David Eggers	Mary Nelle Cate
BELL	Craig Strand	Addison Strand	Will McCallum
GREETERS	Regina Bishop Jim Montgomery	Sara Leckie Brooks Eggers	Tony and Kelli Denny
GUIDE	Kelcey Levering	Henry Fellers	Diana Brandon
READER	Robbie Levering	David Eggers	John House
USHERS	Linda Quinley Brooks and David Eggers	Gary Pennington Kim and Dusty Pennington	Linda Quinley Robbie and Kelcey Levering
COUNTERS	Ann Snodgrass Andy Sarles	Neill Murphy Joe Jaynes	Craig Strand Rickey McCallum
LIGHTS	Joe Jaynes	Stacie Armsworth	
SOUND	David Snodgrass	David Snodgrass	
STREAM	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins
SLIDES	Stacie Armsworth	Anna McKay	Stacie Armsworth

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

7:30pm Men's AA

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

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 Peter McKay's Birthday.  
Happy Birthday, Peter!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

**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 posted signs.  
Use the blue card in the pew to share your contact info and any prayer concerns, and place it in the offering plate.

**WE LIVESTREAM OUR SERVICE**

If you want to be out of view, please ask an usher to help you find a good spot to sit.

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you have an emergency, call Pastor Joseph at 828-443-4757 or reach him by email [pastor@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@erinpresbyterian.org)

**ERIN CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Joseph W. Taber IV: Pastor  
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Joseph Jaynes: Choir Director & AV  
Nancy Berry: Organist, Handbells, Pianist  
Chloe Levering: Youth Director  
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*who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.*

22 As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly.  
**23 Do this because you have been given new birth - not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word. All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

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!  
**36 "Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."**  
37 When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"  
**38-39 Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away - as many as the Lord our God invites."**  
40 With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."  
**41 Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day. All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SERMON "The Promise" Pastor Joseph**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** top of page 35 in Hymnal

**\*HYMN** #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Just and loving God, we call on You to bring us peace in the midst of discord. To make us people of the resurrection, people who believe in miracles and second chances. To fill us with hope and resilience, to inspire us to wait and work for the Kingdom that is to come.

*People: Yet, our nation is at war, both within and without. Our institutions are under attack. Many of our residents fear leaving their homes; their children fear going to*

***school. The news channels scream conflict, violence, injustice, natural and man-made disasters. We have confused heroes with celebrities, and character with fame. Even our churches have forgotten Whom they serve. Amidst all this, You promise a peace that defies understanding for those who truly give their lives to God. Strengthen us now to trust and obey, and to lift up those we love and those we may never know.***

*- We light a candle as we pray for others and ourselves -*

Pastor: Although we may not “feel” new, although we may not sense God’s presence, He is very near to all who sincerely seek Him. For God, nothing is impossible, time is no barrier, and the world that we see is not all there is. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**OFFERTORY** “Now the Green Blade Rises” 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)

***We joyfully bring our harvests to Jesus, placing in God’s hands the first fruits - ripe and brimming with seed - so that we may grow the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #838 “Standing on the Promises”

**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** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" Paul Manz