



Prayer Requests

HOMEBOUND

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

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OUR CONGREGATION

Barbara Edwards	The Sarles Family	Mike Cate	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)

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

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)

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



Service of Worship

April 26, 2026

Easter 4

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

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia" Edward Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come before the God of all creation and rejoice in God's saving grace.

People: For we trust that only he will save us to the utmost.

Pastor: God gives us strength in the trying days of our temporal lives on earth.

People: He has the perfect gentleness to forgive our foolish ways.

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** #624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Our Lord and God, once again we come before you in prayer. Lead us to be humbled in your presence. You, Lord, are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To whom do we turn but to you? Your love is boundless and your power is beyond comprehension.

People: Father, hear the chorus of our voices in praise to you. Your righteousness is too wonderful for us to comprehend. Your love and mercy too marvelous for us to imagine that it ever could be exhausted.

Guide: When we, your creation tainted with sin, look deep inside our souls, we see a great chasm of righteousness that only you have bridged by your son Jesus Christ.

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

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: We ask your forgiveness and that you teach us to forgive others, as Christ taught us to pray, saying: **“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)**

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

ANTHEM "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" by Schultz-Widmar

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: God’s Word is the guiding light to our path. Without it, we stumble and fall. With it, our lives are sustained. May we bind it to our hearts and minds. It is in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2:2-10

2-3 Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished

DAILY BIBLE READINGS			
I believe the primary message of Matthew's Gospel is that, through Christ, God is with us always. Yet sometimes, it's hard to see how God is with us. What are some things that make it hard for you to recognize God is with us? What are some things that open your eyes to God's presence?			
MONDAY Exodus 3:1-14			
TUESDAY Psalm 100			
WEDNESDAY Proverbs 3:13-18			
THURSDAY Hebrews 1:1-4			
FRIDAY Psalm 66:8-20			
SATURDAY Luke 24:13-27			
SUNDAY Luke 24:25-35			
SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS			
	APRIL 26	MAY 3	MAY 10
COFFEE	David Eggers	Mary Nelle Cate	Jackie Griffin
BELL	Addison Strand	Will McCallum	Luna Wiggins
GREETERS	Sara Leckie Brooks Eggers	Tony and Kelli Denny	Pat Wallin Kathy Boyd
GUIDE	Henry Fellers	Diana Brandon	Eliza Barber
READER	David Eggers	John House	Betty Gibbs
USHERS	Gary Pennington Kim and Dusty Pennington	Linda Quinley Robbie and Kelcey Levering	Mike Cate Jim Montgomery Dave Leckie
COUNTERS	Neill Murphy Joe Jaynes	Craig Strand Rickey McCallum	David Eggers John House
LIGHTS	Stacie Armsworth	Anna McKay	
SOUND	David Snodgrass	Kevin Griffin	Kevin Griffin
STREAM	Phil Watkins	Phil Watkins	
SLIDES	Anna McKay	Stacie Armsworth	

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

6pm Pub Theology
6:15pm Pioneer Club

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

FRIDAY, MAY 1

7pm Sonshine Show
8pm AA

SATURDAY, MAY 2

7pm Sonshine Show

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FLOWERS

These flowers are shared by the Cate Family
with thankful ness for Spring.

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
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ERIN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joseph W. Taber IV: Pastor
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Joy Bornhoeft: Family Ministry Director
Joseph Jaynes: Choir Director & AV
Nancy Berry: Organist, Handbells, Pianist
Chloe Levering: Youth Director
Amelia Brooke: Nursery Assistant

by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable.

5 You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Thus it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.

7-8 So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light.

10 Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

John 14:1-14

1-2 "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you?"

3-4 When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going."

5 Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

6-7 Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

9 Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

10-11 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves.

12 I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.

13-14 I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "I AM" Pastor Joseph

***HYMN #234 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Father God, your creation has suffered the corruption that sin brings. It infects all elements of our relationships and endeavors. But we know that you, through the sacrifice of your son Jesus Christ, have redeemed those who are suffering in that corruption.

People: Lord, your mercies are far greater that we can fathom. Your providence offers welcome respite to the ever-pressing needs of all. Empower us, by the leading of your Holy Spirit, to be salt and light to the suffering. Give us courage to sacrifice our time, talents, and wealth for your glory. Lead us in the ministry of Christ and hear these prayers for ourselves and our neighbors.

- 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 hearts, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Reflections on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'"
Charles Callahan

***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 bring these tithes and offerings as small tokens of our thankfulness.
Please bless them 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 #634 "To God Be The Glory"**

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 "Fanfare on 'Puer Nobis'" Charles Yoacum