



# 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)

email [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org) to add or remove a name.



## Service of Worship

May 3, 2026

Easter 5

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

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn" Gilbert Martin

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 35)

Pastor: All you who are faithful, love the LORD!

***People: The LORD protects those who are loyal,***

Pastor: All you who wait for the LORD,

***People: Be strong and let your heart take courage.***

Pastor: The Lord is Risen!

***People: He is risen indeed!***

***All: Alleluia! Amen!***

**\*HYMN** #515 I Come with Joy

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION** (Adapted from Acts 7)

Guide: God of majesty and mercy, we rejoice you have been with us throughout all of history. You are the one who walked alongside Abraham, who liberated the Israelites from bondage, and who spoke through the prophets.

**People:** *You lead your people through wilderness and exile, bringing us home again to rest in you.*

Guide: Yet despite the faithful testimony we have received, we remain stubborn in our thoughts and our hearing.

**People:** *We have received the Law given by angels, but we haven't kept it. Instead of looking for displays of your kingdom, we look for ways to preserve our self-righteousness. Our culture is consumed by rage, and we batter one another with words or worse. Look on us with mercy as we confess our frailties and failings together...*

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Don't hold our sins against us, Lord. Enable us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live in ways that are acceptable to our Lord Jesus!

All: Amen.

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL** (Adapted from Hebrews 7)

Guide: Christ Jesus has introduced us to a better hope, through which we draw near to God. Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant, who completely saves those who approach God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for us. Friends, take hope in the promise of the gospel!

**People:** *Christ has set us free from sin!*

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

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

**ANTHEM** "Stay with Us" by Egil Hovland

**FAMILY SERMON** Pastor Joseph

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Adapted from Psalm 119)

Reader: Lord God, your hands have made us and set us in place. Your word is a light before our feet and a light for our journey. Sustain us according to your word so that we might live in hope and see your hand at work all around us. Open our ears and our hearts that we might hear and understand. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS			
The Advocate, the Companion, the Sustainer, the Paraclete: every time I have a confirmand or elder elect write a statement of faith, defining the Holy Spirit proves to be one of the most challenging aspects. How do you understand the Holy Spirit? How does God the Holy Spirit make themself known to the church, and to you?			
MONDAY Genesis 18:1-14			
TUESDAY Psalm 102:1-17			
WEDNESDAY Proverbs 4:1-9			
THURSDAY Acts 17:22-31			
FRIDAY Romans 8:1-17			
SATURDAY I Peter 3:13-22			
SUNDAY John 14:15-21			
SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS			
	MAY 3	MAY 10	MAY 17
COFFEE	Mary Nelle Cate	Jackie Griffin	Pat Wallin
BELL	Will McCallum	Luna Wiggins	Lucas Barber
GREETERS	Tony and Kelli Denny	Pat Wallin Kathy Boyd	Kathy Boyd Jim Montgomery
GUIDE	Diana Brandon	Eliza Barber	Kellan Sarles
READER	John House	Betty Gibbs	David Eggers
USHERS	Linda Quinley Robbie and Kelcey Levering	Mike Cate Jim Montgomery Dave Leckie	Brooks and David Eggers Erin McCallum
COUNTERS	Craig Strand Rickey McCallum	David Eggers John House	Ann Snodgrass Andy Sarles
LIGHTS	Anna McKay	Tammy Murphy	Neill Murphy
SOUND	Kevin Griffin	Kevin Griffin	Tammy Murphy
STREAM	Phil Watkins		Kevin Griffin
SLIDES	Stacie Armsworth		

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

9:30am Sunday School  
11am Worship Service  
12pm Youth Group  
2pm SonShine Show  
7pm AA Book Study

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

7:30pm Men's AA

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

7pm Discipleship Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

8pm AA

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

8am WordPlayers Rummage Sale  
People have donated great stuff!

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**OFFICE HOURS**

9am to 3pm Mon-Thurs  
Staff works from home Friday  
865-588-5350 M-F

**FLOWERS**

Beautiful flowers help to celebrate significant occasions in our lives. You can have an arrangement for your special day by signing up in the narthex. It's \$35 and you take your flowers home after the worship 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 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  
April Cyr: Office Administrator  
Joy Bornhoeft: Family Ministry Director  
Joseph Jaynes: Choir Director & A/V  
Nancy Berry: Organist, Handbells, Pianist  
Chloe Levering: Youth Director  
Amelia Brooke: Nursery Assistant

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Luke 24:13-35**

13-14 On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened.

**15-16 While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.**

17-18 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

**19-20 He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him.**

21-23 We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive.

**24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."**

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about.

**26 Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"**

27-29 Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets. When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

**30-31 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread,**

***blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.***

32 They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

***33 They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together.***

34 They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!"

***35 Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.***

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

**SERMON "Blessed and Broken" Pastor Joseph**

**\*HYMN #409 God is Here!**

**OFFERTORY "Bread of Life" Seth Brighton  
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)  
*Holy LORD, we offer you these gifts in hope and in gratitude, for you have  
already done so much on our behalf, and we look forward to what you will do  
through these gifts, in the sight of all your people. In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.***

**COMMUNION see insert**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

**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 "Thine is the Glory" Lani Smith**