



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
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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

May 10, 2026

Easter 6

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

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" John Atteberry
Joyful Sounds Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and worship God, who made us.

People: Come and worship Jesus, who died to save us.

Pastor: Come and worship the Spirit, promised by Jesus and sent by God to inspire us and guide us.

People: Let us praise God - Father, Son, and Spirit - three in one!

***HYMN** #231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: God, we can only guess the depth of your love for us. Our human minds can barely imagine the extent of your mercy.

People: And we need your mercy, Lord. We promise to live as Jesus showed us, but our human nature gets in the way. We want to put others first, but by

instinct we stick up for our own interests. We want to act in love but we're suspicious of others, especially those who are different. Remind us when we fail to follow Christ's example, and show us what it means to be truly sorry for our sins. Forgive us as we confess them now.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Clothe us with your Spirit and ignite us with your love so we may show the world what it means to live as your people. We pray together as your Son taught us: ***"The Lord's Prayer" (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: God's mercy never runs out. God's grace is for everyone, and God always forgives. No matter how far or how often we stray from the path, we are never out of God's sight and God is always waiting to welcome us back.

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

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

ANTHEM "Joy Shall Come in the Morning" Mary Alice Amidon

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Lord, we ask not only to be enlightened by these words, but to be changed by them and sent out into a world that desperately needs to see what it means to follow you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Peter 3:13-22

13-14 Who will harm you if you are zealous for good? But happy are you, even if you suffer because of righteousness! Don't be terrified or upset by them.

15 Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This week we are preparing to enter Stewardship season, which runs from May 17th to June 14th. How has God's grace sustained you over the past year? Were there times this year that you had a sense that God was working through you to sustain someone else? How can we show gratitude for God's sustaining grace?

MONDAY Deuteronomy 5:22-33
TUESDAY Psalm 93
WEDNESDAY Proverbs 4:10-19
THURSDAY Acts 1:1-11
FRIDAY Ephesians 2:1-7
SATURDAY I Peter 5:1-6
SUNDAY John 21:15-19

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	MAY 10	MAY 17	MAY 24
COFFEE	Mary Nelle Cate	Suzanne Lawrence	Done for the summer
BELL	Luna Wiggins	Lucas Barber	Eliza Barber
GREETERS	Pat Wallin Kathy Boyd	Kathy Boyd Jim Montgomery	Dave and Sara Leckie
GUIDE	Eliza Barber	Kellan Sarles	Craig Strand
READER	Betty Gibbs	David Eggers	Rickey McCallum
USHERS	Mike Cate Jim Montgomery Dave Leckie	Brooks and David Eggers Erin McCallum	Gary Pennington Dusty and Kim Pennington
COUNTERS	David Eggers John House	Ann Snodgrass Andy Sarles	Neill Murphy Joe Jaynes
LIGHTS	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy
SOUND	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy
STREAM	Kevin Griffin	Kevin Griffin	
SLIDES	Craig Strand	David Snodgrass	

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, MAY 12

6:30pm Pioneer Club
7pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

6:20am Journey 7
7:30pm Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 14

7pm Worship Team Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 15

8pm AA

SATURDAY, MAY 16

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FLOWERS

Happy Mother's Day!

Today's flowers are dedicated to all the strong women who have influenced us.

Proverbs 31:25-26

"She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue. "

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

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

16 Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience. Act in this way so that those who malign your good lifestyle in Christ may be ashamed when they slander you.

17-18 It is better to suffer for doing good (if this could possibly be God's will) than for doing evil. Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit.

19-20 And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. In the past, these spirits were disobedient - when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water.

21-22 Baptism is like that. It saves you now - not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at God's right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

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

John 14:15-21

15-16 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever.

17 This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

18-19 "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too.

20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you.

21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "Living in the Spirit" Pastor Joseph

***HYMN** #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God, we forget that you hold all the power in the universe. We get caught up in worry, despair, and anger toward people and situations we don't understand and cannot change. The world seems to be going in the wrong direction, and every week feels more hopeless than the one before.

People: Friends and family struggle with sickness and grief, anxious about keeping or finding a job, and uncertain about the future. Some can no longer afford food, healthcare, or proper housing for themselves and their families. We see and read about countries whose residents live every day with war, hoping and praying only to survive the night. Hear our prayers, Lord, for all of these and for us.

- Prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: When we can't see a way out, Father, remind us that you can. You promise you will never leave us or stop loving us; remind us of these words when we have doubts. Surround us with your endless love and shower us with hope, even when the sky seems darkest. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" Cathy Mokolbust
Joyful Sounds Handbell Ensemble

***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)

Everything we have comes from you, Lord, and nothing you have given us is ours alone. May we be generous in sharing our time, our skills, and our physical assets with all who need them. May we work together to build your kingdom. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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 "Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" Wilbur Held