



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

The Taber Family	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

Dr. Joe Taber Jr. (Grandfather of Pastor Taber)
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

June 7, 2026

Proper 5A

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

**congregation reads aloud verses in bold italics.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Two Variations on 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'" Albert Travis

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 33

Leader: All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the LORD!

People: *It's right for those who do right to praise God!*

Leader: Because the LORD's word is right.

People: *His every act is done in good faith.*

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice

People: *The LORD's faithful love fills the whole earth.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

***HYMN** #401 Here in This Place

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Adapted from Hosea 6

Guide: LORD God, we rejoice in your presence. You are the one who revives us.

You raise us up so that we can live before you.

People: *When you appear among us, it is like the coming of the dawn, allowing us to see clearly at last, like spring rains which give drink to the earth, bringing new life.*

Guide: And yet we beg for your favor in our distress, for we continue to fall short of your glory.

People: Ours sins and faithlessness injure and strike down, only you can heal us and bind us up. Do not let the love we show you vanish like dew, but teach us faithful love so that we might improve our circumstances through knowledge of your grace!

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: You have taught us through the prophets that you desire faithful love, not sacrifice, that knowing you is better in your sight than any offering. Fill us with your grace, so that we might know your loving kindness. Amen.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL Adapted from I Timothy 1:15

Guide: This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)**

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

FAMILY SERMON Pastor Joseph

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Adapted from Deuteronomy 8:3

Reader: Lord God, you who provided manna in the wilderness to our spiritual ancestors, teach us again that we do not live on bread alone, but we live based on what you say. Nourish our souls through the reading and proclamation of your Word, which we seek in the words of Holy Scripture together today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 15:1-11, 17-18

1-2 Then Pharisees and legal experts came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, “Why are your disciples breaking the elders’ rules handed down to us? They don’t ritually purify their hands by washing before they eat.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This is the closing week of our Stewardship Season, and several of this week's readings deal specifically with financial contributions, tithing, and other worldly concerns of the life of faith. How does scripture teach us to use our worldly possessions? How do we show love to our neighbors financially?

MONDAY Acts 4:32-35

TUESDAY Psalm 24

WEDNESDAY Job 38:22-38

THURSDAY II Corinthians 9:7-15

FRIDAY Haggai 2:1-9

SATURDAY Deuteronomy 14:22-29

SUNDAY I John 4:7-21

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21
BELL RINGER	Ginger Thompson	Craig Strand	Addison Strand
GREETERS	Pat Wallin Kathy Boyd	Tony and Kelli Canan-Denny	Regina Bishop Kathy Boyd
GUIDE	David Eggers	Eliza Barber	Diana Brandon
READER	Sara Leckie	Kelcey Levering	John House
USHERS	Rickey McCallum Robbie and Kelcey Levering	Jim Montgomery Mike Cate Dave Leckie	Linda Quinley Susan Miller Jim Montgomery
COUNTERS	Craig Strand Rickey McCallum	David Eggers John House	Ann Snodgrass Andy Sarles
LIGHTS	Neill Murphy	Neill Murphy	Anna McKay
SOUND	Tammy Murphy	Tammy Murphy	Joe Jaynes
STREAM	Kevin Griffin	Phil Watkins	Kevin Griffin
SLIDES	Craig Strand	Stacie Armsworth	David Snodgrass

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

10am Worship Service
7pm AA Book Study

MONDAY, JUNE 8

7:30pm Men's AA

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

7pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

7pm Worship Team Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8pm AA

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9am Men's Breakfast
11:30am Set up for Stewardship Luncheon

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given
in celebration of
Betty Gibbs' 84th Birthday.
Happy Birthday, Betty!

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
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

3-4 Jesus replied, "Why do you break the command of God by keeping the rules handed down to you? For God said, honor your father and your mother and the person who speaks against father or mother will certainly be put to death.

5-6 But you say, 'If you tell your father or mother, "Everything I'm expected to contribute to you I'm giving to God as a gift," then you don't have to honor your father.' So you do away with God's Law for the sake of the rules that have been handed down to you.

7-9 Hypocrites! Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me. Their worship of me is empty since they teach instructions that are human rules.'"

10-11 Jesus called the crowd near and said to them, "Listen and understand. It's not what goes into the mouth that contaminates a person in God's sight. It's what comes out of the mouth that contaminates the person."

17-18 Don't you know that everything that goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what goes out of the mouth comes from the heart. And that's what contaminates a person in God's sight.

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

Romans 12:3-13

3 Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you.

4-5 We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other.

6-7 We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching.

8 If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

9 Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good.

10 Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.

11 Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic - be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!

12 Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON "Nurturing Body" Pastor Joseph

***HYMN** #722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: As we light this candle, we bring to God the names of those who suffer, saying, "Have mercy, O Lord."

Pastor: Gracious God, we pray for loved ones in the midst of terrible suffering.

All: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

Pastor: We name loved ones whose spirits are crushed.

All: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

Pastor: We name loved ones whose memories have failed.

All: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

Pastor: We name those who are grieving or lonely.

All: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Richard Warner

***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)

Blessed are you O God, king of the universe. We rejoice in the grace we have been given, and seek to serve you by cheerfully giving these offerings to glorify and serve you. Use these offerings to pour our your love upon all people through your church. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

COMMUNION see insert

***CLOSING HYMN** #313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

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) #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Paul Manz