



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2024

## Worship:

### Readings for the Coming Week:

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 5, 2024)

- First reading
  - Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm
  - Psalm 98
- Second reading
  - 1 John 5:1-6
- Gospel
  - John 15:9-17



\*Note that communion Sunday this month has been changed to May 12 to accommodate Jane's travel schedule.

#### Liturgical readers and schedule notes

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	Notes
5.5.24	Russell	Ginia W.	
5.12.24	Herring	Karen R	Communion (Barb or Ginia will assist) Mother's Day
5.19.24	Herring	Diana B	
5.26.24	Herring	Terry D	
6.2.24	Herring	Sandra	Communion
6.9.24	Herring		
6.16.24	Herring		
6.23.24	Herring	Barb	
6.30.24	Herring	Darrell	
7.7.24	Herring		Communion
7.14.24	Herring	Karen R	
7.21.24	Herring		
7.28.24	Herring		

"Volunteering as a liturgist adds a new layer to my act of worship each Sunday that I do it. God uses everything we do (for us, for others, for God's glory), but it feels like this is something God uses to speak directly to me as I prepare, giving me new understanding." ~~ Barb

If you wish to volunteer as a liturgist, please send an email to: epcbusiness9770@gmail.com or call 615-473-3510.

## Prayer and Praise:

### 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

### Quotes about prayer:

A day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power.

~~ Edwin Harvey



Prayer is a gift from God, like life itself. Come join us some Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00 pm (or so) to have both individual and group conversations with the Creator of the universe (how utterly cool is that!). It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment, we enjoy visitors. We talk to God about a lot of things, focusing on the prayers of our congregation and our community, but including prayers for the world and everything in it. We rejoice in the fellowship and the relational connection with God, and share the gift of prayer with you all.

EPC prayer group

## Missions:

### <sup>1</sup>Red Cross :

May 31, 2024 (Friday) Time: noon – 5:00 PM

**We need donors** for the American Red Cross Blood Drive being held at EPC.

- It is time to sign up to donate.
- As of 4/29/24 we have 5 donor sign-ups with one more committed but not yet scheduled
- Please forward the Blood Drive information (see attached flyer) to all of your contacts in the Nashville area.



- If you aren't sure how, do what Karen did. Pull up the flyer on your screen, take a screen shot of it and use that to post on your social media sites.
- If there is an easier way, send me a "how to" message and I will put it in next week's newsletter.

To sign up as a blood donor simply do the following:

- Copy the website listed below into your browser  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>
- Key in zip code: EPC19
- Click on : "Emmanuel Presbyterian Church" then
- Choose your time slot

Hand out flyers around town, take a photo of the flyer and post the picture on social media. Having things on the Then and Now page, the Hip Fairview page, or whatever other pages you are on makes a real difference. Get the word out.!!!

## **<sup>2</sup>Maple Village:**

- The residents were out and about and happy to see us last Sunday
- Annalease and I delivered the muffins and Danish rolls
- They even asked if they could have the leftover bush bean seedlings that were in the car
- They cannot grow plants in the ground and at least one resident was asking for big pots. If you have some that you are not and will not be using, please consider bringing them to church – put them in the pavilion - and we will get them delivered.
- Muffins and sweets delivered to Maple Village 4/24/24

## **<sup>3</sup>Pentecost Special Offering:**

- The Pentecost Special Offering season goes from April 1st – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Last year we raised \$444.17 and
- 40% (\$177.66) stayed with EPC to offset costs of sending our youth to Montreat.

## **Housekeeping:**

- There is a need for a deep spring cleaning of EPC.
- An incomplete list of chores that need doing is posted on the whiteboard in the adult classroom.
- Please look at the list and if you know an area not included, please add it to the list.
- The date for doing the clean-up is still to be determined.



- Take any folding chairs that need cleaning to Jane’s office.

## Finance:

### Financial Support for Missions:

- Call it what you will, for a small church we are involved in many different local ministries, missions or outreach programs.
- Funding for these giving programs come from various places, one of these places is you!
- If you would like to donate additional funds for a specific program, checks can be made to the following ongoing missions of EPC.

Community Garden  
Gateway to Higher Education Scholarship  
Crossroads Campus  
Maple Village  
Special Music Ministry events  
Oasis

Please note on the memo line which mission your check is meant to support.

### Financial Support for EPC:

If you are not able to attend worship service and still wish show your support for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, you can contribute in the following ways:

- Online—send an electronic payment, your bank can help you set this up if you have questions.
- By Mail – our mailing address is EPC, 9770 Hwy 96, Nashville, TN 37221
- Through EPC’s website [www.epcnashville.com](http://www.epcnashville.com) or [www.epcnashville.org](http://www.epcnashville.org) Simply click on the “GIVE” button, then the “donate” button, to donate via PayPal or debit/credit card. This can be a one-time donation or can be set up as a monthly donation.

The Pay Pal online donation function has now been repaired. At this point, the cause of the problem is immaterial. We just are glad to report it has been repaired.



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## Fellowship:

Join us for fellowship and a fresh cup of coffee around the kitchen window after service! Thanks to the following for their offering:

- May 5 - Jan  
Followed by:
- May 12 – Barb
- May 19 - Claire



- If you would like to sign up, there is a list on the table next to the entrance/exit door from the sanctuary. Please pick a date that works for you. Sign up and if you remember, it is helpful to let me (Faith) know.

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## Communication:

Welcome Visitors! We are excited to call your attention to, and encourage you, to visit our upgraded website! Go to [www.epcnashville.com](http://www.epcnashville.com) or [www.epcnashville.org](http://www.epcnashville.org) for all your questions. Cut and paste one of these sites in your browser. If you can't find your answers there, try the options below:

- Visits with Pastor Jane Herring, which must be by appointment.
- Reach out to Pastor Jane on her church phone (call/text) 615-818-9727 or email at [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com) about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized), to join the church or any other questions you might have.
- General EPC email can be sent to [epcnashville@gmail.com](mailto:epcnashville@gmail.com) (be aware that multiple people have access to this email account).
- If you ever have any questions about anything dealing with EPC's finances or other business topics, email your question or request to [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)
- Email announcements for the Sunday bulletin to [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com)
- Questions about the outdoor gardens or children's education/programming go to [frhanchey@gmail.com](mailto:frhanchey@gmail.com)
- Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter to [frhanchey@gmail.com](mailto:frhanchey@gmail.com)

## **March Calendar:**

### **Ongoing:**

Worship Committee Mtg every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after service (12th)

Mission/Fellowship Committee Mtg every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9:30 am (19th)

Session Mtg every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (20th)

2nd Thursday of each month (except for December) - Rug Hookers meet 10 am – 2 pm.

### **Upcoming:**

May 5: Communion Sunday changed to May 12

May 12: Pentecost Sunday and Pentecost Special Offering

May 12: Communion Sunday, Mother's Day

June 9-15: Montreat Youth Conference

## **Christian Education:**

### **Inquirers of all ages:**

- Please reach out to Pastor Jane about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized) or to join the church.

## **Children's Services:**

- At Emmanuel we offer a "kid's message" during the early part of the worship service, followed by a "children's church" in the kid's classroom for those up to 10 years old or still in elementary school. The message is a short story that usually has some sort of lesson related to it and in children's church we usually discuss the story in more depth and follow it with a craft or activity that helps the story (and the lesson!) sink in.
- A nursery is available for those under 3.
- We offer a "chat time" in the classroom after service (11ish – noonish) for those over 10 who want some time to privately share what is on their mind.
- We have two adults with the children and their safety and education is our top priority.

## Building and Grounds:



## Garden news:

If you have any of these, we need them **Still. More. Always.**

- odd or left-over worn-out socks, any condition -----  
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- unused garden stakes (the U-shaped kind often used for holding landscape fabric in place)
- 1/2 gallon milk jugs (clear or not) with or without lids
- Old pool noodles of any length
- 1½ quart ice cream containers
- Empty large coffee containers -----→
- 2-liter bottles with or without tops
- Old newspapers



AND just so you know...

- There are 2 garden plots available.
- If anybody wants one, speak to me on Sunday.
- Even little Ms Ellie planted 4 potato plants last Sunday. It's not hard.



To those of you (children and youth) who do have gardens, please remember to check on them when you are at church on Sundays. They most likely need watering, need a little weeding, and could use your help guiding your vertical plants up their trellis. These gardens are your responsibility, I will love your plant babies several times during the week. I will help you with what you need on Sundays, but if you are there, you need to water and weed every time.

Love ya much,

Ms. Faith

**Presenting Your Slate of Elders**

**Class of 2024**

Ginia Wood, Fellowship and Mission

John Denton, Building and Grounds

**Class of 2025**

Greg Burlison, Personnel

John Sevier, Director of Music

**Class of 2026**

Theresa Denton, Worship and Polity & Procedure

Jan Russell

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**EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are located on Highway 96, near the intersection of Highway 100. We are close to Bellevue, Fairview, Franklin, Leiper's Fork, Pasquo, Westhaven and West Nashville. We look forward to seeing you!

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