



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2024

## Worship:

### Readings for the Coming Week:

#### [Day of Pentecost \(May 19, 2024\)](#)

- First reading
  - Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm
  - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Second reading
  - Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
- Gospel
  - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



#### Liturgical readers and schedule notes

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	Notes
5.19.24	Herring	Diana	
5.26.24	Herring	Terry D	
6.2.24	Herring	Sandra	Communion
6.9.24	Herring	Marilyn	
6.16.24	Herring		Father's Day
6.23.24	Herring	Barb	
6.30.24	Herring	Darrell	
7.7.24	Herring		Communion
7.14.24	Herring	Karen	
7.21.24	Herring		
7.28.24	Herring		

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

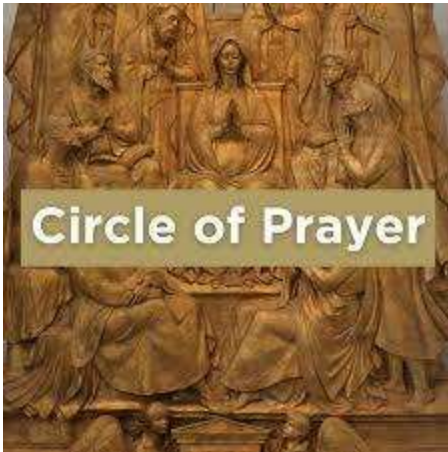
## Prayer and Praise:

### Matthew 26:41 (NIV)

41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

## Quotes about prayer:

“It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray; but we must patiently, believingly, continue in prayer until we obtain an answer; and further we have not only to continue in prayer unto the end, but we have also to believe that God does hear us, and will answer our prayers. Most frequently we fail in not continuing in prayer until the blessing is obtained, and in not expecting the blessing. ~~ George Mueller



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 Blood Drive being held at EPC.

- As of 5/12/24 we have 10 donors signed up.
- We must meet a **minimum of 22 donors by May 21**. If that number is not met, the Red Cross will cancel our blood drive.
- Please forward the Blood Drive information (see attached flyer) to all of your contacts in the Nashville area.

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



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



\*If anyone wants to start the season with a flower delivery, I can easily get you started.

\*We have plenty of decorated glass jars to use as vases left from last year.

AND just so you know

- There are 2 garden plots available.
- If anybody wants one, speak to me on Sunday.
- It's prime time to plant for summer crops, get started today!
- I have not been able to check on the gardens at all this week and will not be around until Sunday morning. If you have the ability to do some watering, all the little sprouts would be so happy.

We could still use the following:

- \*Old pieces of pool noodles
- \* Plastic bottles, any size, with or without caps
- \*Plastic gallon milk jugs, with or without caps
- \* Empty large coffee containers ----->



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

- This Sunday is the last week that the Pentecost Special Offering will be collected.
- \$180 has been given this year so far compared with \$444.17 that we collected last year.
- 40% of the Pentecost offering stays with EPC to be used to help offset the costs of sending our youth to the Montreat Youth Conference, so please give generously.

The Montreat Youth Conference will be taking place June 9 -15; Teddy, Jefferson and Annalease are all set to go this year. The chaperones will be Scott Huie and Barbara Halverstadt. EPC applied for, and was granted, conference scholarships for all 3 youth and EPC will be picking up any costs for housing and food during the week.

## **<sup>4</sup>3rd Annual Gateway to Higher Education Scholarship:**

- Scholarship will launch this month
- Invitations to apply will be sent to EPC members by the end of May

- Applications and essays are due by the June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Evaluations will be due by July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Awarding of the Scholarship will be done immediately after services on July 28th

## Housekeeping:

- Check the whiteboard in the classroom to see areas in need that have been identified.
- Add any area you spot that has been overlooked.
- Take stained chairs to Jane's office.
- Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

## 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.

## 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 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.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social and Pot Luck will be taking place on June 9 under the pavilion. We will partner again with the Center for Health and Wellness and invite the residents of the center to enjoy our lunch offerings, ice cream and southern hospitality. Please bring your best pot luck sides and salads. For the newbies of the church, this has turned into a hard-core competition for the best tasting home-made ice cream. It is a competition complete with both underhanded and the overly obvious cheating, all in good sport. Plan to come hungry!

## 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:

- [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com) - 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.
- [epcnashville@gmail.com](mailto:epcnashville@gmail.com) - General EPC email can be sent to this site (be aware that multiple people have access to this email account).
- [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com) - If you ever have any questions about anything dealing with EPC's finances or other business topics, email your question or request here.
- [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com) - Email announcements for the Sunday bulletin here.
- [frhanchey@gmail.com](mailto:frhanchey@gmail.com) - Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter here.
- [frhanchey@gmail.com](mailto:frhanchey@gmail.com) - Send questions about the outdoor gardens or children's education/programming here.

## **March Calendar:**

### **Ongoing:**

Worship Committee Mtg every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after service

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:**

- June 9: Ice Cream Social and Pot Luck lunch
- June 9-15: Montreat Youth Conference
- June 30: Scholarship applications and essays are due
- July 20: Evaluations are due
- July 28: Awarding of the Scholarship immediately after service

## **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 Programs and Services:**

The Montreat Youth Conference will be taking place June 9 -15; Teddy, Jefferson and Annalease are all set to go this year. The chaperones will be Scott Huie and Barbara Halverstadt. EPC applied for, and was granted, conference scholarships for all 3 youth and EPC will be picking up any costs for housing and food during the week.

- 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.



Thank you to all those who delivered mother's day messages.

Thank you as well to the children who got it all started.

## Building and Grounds:





**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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