



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

February 7, 2024

## Worship:

Don't forget to open the newly added attachment to see Sunday's order of worship

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	
2.11.24	Herring	Diana	
2.18.24	Herring	Jan	
2.25.24	Herring	Diana	
3.3.24			
3.10.24		Barbara	
3.17.24			
3.24.24			
3.31.24		Karen	



- Thank you if you are one of our volunteer liturgical readers!
- We have three opportunities available in March if you want to fill one of those spots.
- If you wish to be a volunteer liturgist, please send an email to: [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com) or call 615-473- 3510.

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

### [Transfiguration Sunday \(February 11, 2024\)](#)

- First reading
  - 2 Kings 2:1-12
- Psalm
  - Psalm 50:1-6
- Second reading
  - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Gospel
  - Mark 9:2-9

### Lent, February 14th

- Lent begins next week and at 6:30 pm on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jane will offer a Lenten service complete with the marking of a cross on one's forehead if you so choose. This is done as a way to pronounce the importance of Jesus Christ in your life and to

remind yourself and others that it is only through our relationship with Jesus that we will ever be truly complete.

- After the Lenten service is complete, there will be a meal served and a short Lectio Divina which is comprised of short bible readings, contemplation and a time to listen to what has turned out in past times to be deep meaningful conversations. At 7 pm there will be a short simple meal served.

## Prayer and Praise:

### You are invited...

The EPC prayer group is a small but dedicated group that meets on Wednesday evenings from roughly 6-7pm. It is a time to open your heart to offer God the praise and prayers of our congregation and those of your own. Barb sends out email requests for any prayers you would like lifted up in the belief that all prayers matter, all prayers are important and all prayers will be heard.

All prayers are kept confidential unless you specify otherwise. If your request is private or sensitive, you may request that your prayer be limited to Pastor Jane and Barbara. Confirmation emails will be sent affirming that your request was lifted.



As a small church, offering praise and prayers for those who are struggling, no matter the reason, sends a powerful message about the love we share and express for each other. If you feel called to do so, come **join us on Wednesday night at 6.**

It is our fervent prayer that this ministry is a blessing to the rest of our EPC family and beyond.

EPC prayer group

## Missions: <sup>1</sup>Nueva Vida:

A request has come in for help from our Hispanic neighbors at Nueva Vida, a church we have partnered with in the past. They operate a food pantry that provides other necessities as well. Think of this as a Lenten “give to” item instead of a Lenten “give up” item. The following is a list of most needed items:



Diapers (both those for children and for adults)

Laundry detergent and fabric softener

Rice

Tortilla corn flour

Beds of all sizes

Warm weather gear - coats/hats/gloves/warm socks

(\*\*WalMart had kids coats on clearance on Monday, FYI)

Feminine hygiene products

Cooking oil

Red beans, black beans

Cornmeal

Powdered milk

**Muchas gracias a todas!**

(Many thanks to all!)

**There is a collection box in the hall by the  
children's classroom.**

Thank you Suzie Hill



**<sup>2</sup>Tax Help:**

- UnitedWay is using our sanctuary to provide free income tax preparation: January 31st – April 10th (for those making less than \$70,000).
- Wednesdays only, by appointment 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Call 615-206-7560 or go online to: [Unitedwayfilefree.com](http://Unitedwayfilefree.com)



### **<sup>3</sup>Red Cross:**

Partners needed – believe it or not, it takes a small village to host a successful Blood Drive. We are already planning for our 3rd annual Blood Donation Drive **to be held in May 2024**. We have had two very successful blood drives and we want to build on that momentum.

# Help Wanted

We need your ideas, we need your creativity, we need your networks. We are seeking collaborators for a variety of tasks in the months leading up to and on the day of the Blood drive, including:

- People with social media savvy to help make a plan for getting the word out
- People with creative skills to help develop flyers, messaging, and thank you tokens
- People with extensive networks that can help recruit donors
- People willing to help on the day of the drive to check in donors, make sure donors are offered thank you tokens, help place signage and help with clean up. If you are willing to be a partner in this meaningful mission work, please contact Barb Halverstadt at 615-473-3510 or via email at [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)

### **<sup>4</sup>Oasis**

We continue to collect donations to help support the Oasis goody bag mission. When you give to this mission, please put “Oasis” in the memo line of your check. The first delivery of goody bags for 2024 will be done in late Feb./early March.

### **<sup>5</sup>Crossroads Campus**

Crossroads Campus was founded in 2010 and is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) serving Nashville, Tennessee. We are committed to improving the community and the world around us by bringing neglected animals and youth together to learn from each other and heal together. Through our programs, we enhance empathy and



compassion for all living things through positive interactions with animals. We educate and empower people to take care of their pets, we find loving homes for dogs and cats and we offer affordable housing and an entrance to the workforce for at-risk youth.

## Finance:

### Financial Support:

As you may have noticed from our lengthy Mission section, we are involved in many projects in multiple ways. Some of our funding comes from the budgeted mission or other committee funds and some of it comes through special designated funds from members or previous members of our congregation. 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 Center

- EPC's general fund is a separate category that can be supplemented to offset our deficit.

Please note on the memo line of your check which mission you intend to support.

If you are not able to attend worship service and still wish show your support for Emmanuel 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.

**\*\*We are currently having a problem with the online donation function.** We hope to have it corrected as soon as possible. Any year-end donations should be made by mailing a check to the church or sending an online payment through your banking payment function.\*\*



## Fellowship:

We enjoyed dogs (the edible kind!) and s'mores last Sunday after church. We really didn't plan much in advance but the ones who were able to stay had a full meal deal and some good laughs. Special thanks to Terry and Ginia who put it all together. Good job!



- Join us for fellowship and a fresh cup of coffee around the kitchen window! Thank you to the following:
  - Jan – February 11
  - Barb – Feb 18
  - Doug and Sue – March 10
  - Doug and Sue – March 17
  - Karen and Fred -- March 31<sup>st</sup>
- If you would like to sign up, there is a sheet on the stand in back. Please pick a date that works for you. Thank you all so much for your willingness to serve.

## 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 it there, try the options below.

- Visits with Pastor Jane Herring 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)
- Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter to [frhanchey@gmail.com](mailto:frhanchey@gmail.com)

## **February Calendar:**

Prayer Group every Wednesday at 6 pm

February 11th: There will be no children's church this Sunday.

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes, 6-6:30 pm.

February 14: Lectio Divina every Wednesday during Lent 6 - 6:30 with a simple meal@ 6:40 pm

February 18: Worship Committee meeting after service, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

February 18: Fellowship/Mission meeting 9:30 am in children's classroom, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

February 19: Session meeting, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

## **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.
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- Please let Jane know if you are willing to bring one of the Lenten meals for sharing. You can reach her at 615.818.9727.



## 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 and we offer a "chat time" in a safe space for those 10 and over who want some time to share what is on their mind. We always have two adults with the children and their safety and education is our top priority.

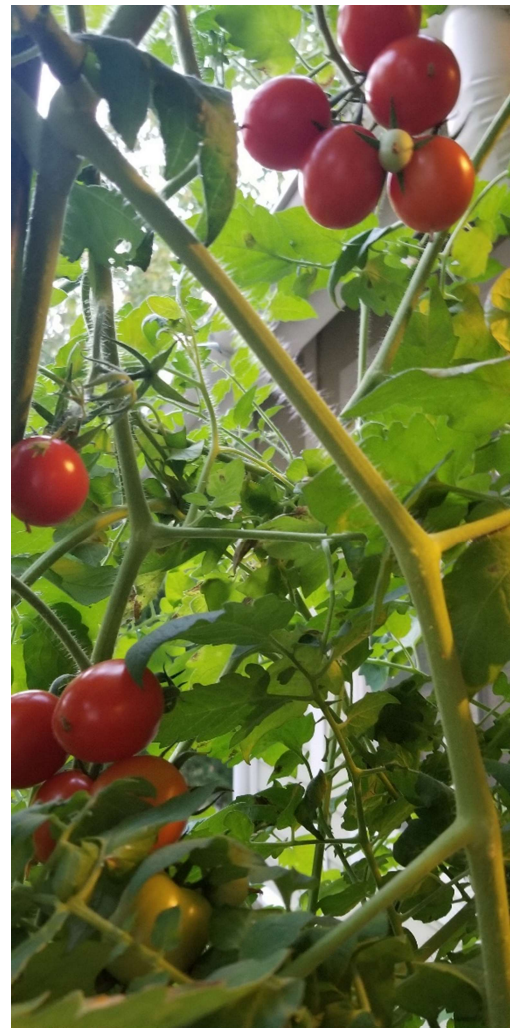
**Special Note:** There will be no "children's church" on Sunday Feb. 11.

## Building and Grounds:

It's time to start prepping for spring gardening.

Needed:

- Clean one-gallon translucent milk or ice tea jugs, complete with lids
- Empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls.
- There is a box outside by the children's classroom door for you to place them in.
- Let me know if you want to reserve a plot for this year.



**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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