



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

March 20, 2024

Worship:

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

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Liturgy of the Palms \(March 24, 2024\)](#)

- Psalm
 - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Gospel
 - Mark 11:1-11 or *John 12:12-16*

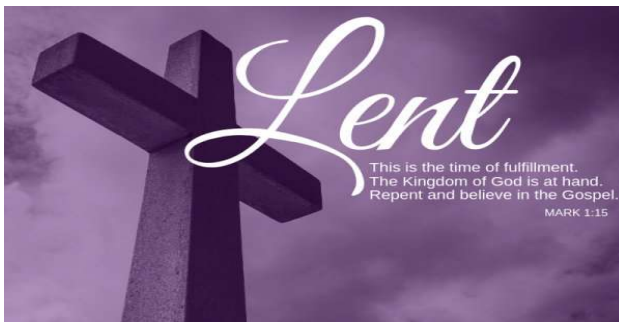
[Liturgy of the Passion \(March 24, 2024\)](#)

- First reading
 - Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm
 - Psalm 31:9-16
- Second reading
 - Philippians 2:5-11
- Gospel
 - Mark 14:1-15:47 or *Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)*



Pastor Jane Herring

Lenten Wednesdays: Lectio Divina at 6pm and simple Lenten Supper at 6:30 -



Sign up to bring a simple supper of soup and bread, or beans and rice - something easy to share.

From 6-6:30 we will read and contemplate scripture.

At 6:30 we will gather around the table for a simple supper, customary for Lent.

Please sign up for one of the Wednesdays in Lent to bring a simple supper for sharing: email janemherring@gmail.com

February 21 or 28, March 6, 13, 20, or 27.

Looking to Holy Week:

- **Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 Supper of the Lamb at EPC:**
 - John and Terry Denton provide lamb and we all bring side dishes and desserts.
 - We break bread together, have a brief liturgy of prayers and readings, and share memories and stories
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- **Good Friday, March 29th at 6:30 in the sanctuary:**
 - We will have a quiet, contemplative service of Word, Prayer, and Lamentation, as we acknowledge the continuing ramifications of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.
 - Bring the burdens of your heart and put them upon the cross of Jesus Christ at this Good Friday service.

- **Easter Sunday March 31:**
 - Bring fresh flowers to place on the cross on Easter Sunday and we will see this same cross flower as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

Liturgical readers and schedule notes

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	Notes
3.24.24	Herring	Sara or Greg B.	Presentations by Greg B. and by EPC children
3.31.24	Herring	Karen R.	Easter
4.7.24	Herring	Sandra H	Communion
4.14.24	Herring	Mark S.	
4.21.24	Herring	Darrell H.	
4.28.24	Herring	Karen R.	
5.5.24	Herring	Ginia W.	Communion
5.12.24	Herring	Barb	
5.19.24	Herring		
5.26.24	Herring		

- Thanks to all the liturgy volunteers!!!
- It is so nice to be able to give Pastor Jane and John advance notice of the liturgist schedule, it helps them so much in their service planning.

- We have 2 slots in May left to fill. Won't you give it a try? – its fun, allows you to stretch yourself a little, helps interact with scripture in a different way and connect with God from a new perspective.
- If you wish to volunteer, please send an email to: epcbusiness9770@gmail.com or call 615-473-3510.

Prayer and Praise:

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Quotes about prayer:

Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God's voice is its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine. ~ Andy Murray

You are invited...



During the Lenten season, the EPC prayer group gathers on Wednesdays after the Lectio Divina service and supper to lift the prayers of the congregation and others. Come join us for reflection, followed by fellowship and then prayer. What more could you ask for!

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

EPC prayer group

Missions:

OGHS

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a significant initiative within the Presbyterian community. For **75 years**, it has allowed Presbyterians to extend God's love to our neighbors in need across the globe. This program addresses critical issues such as disaster relief, hunger prevention, and community development. Below is a small sample of the help that's been offered:

1. **Three Programs Supported by OGHS:**
 - **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA):** Provides initial disaster response and ongoing community development, ensuring safety, sustenance, and hope for affected individuals.
 - **Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP):** Works to relieve hunger by distributing food and seeds, impacting 22 countries.
 - **Self-Development of People:** Empowers communities to break free from poverty and oppression.
2. **Your Impact:**
 - PDA has granted **\$3.1 million** in the United States and 35 countries.
 - PHP has given **90 grants** in 22 countries, distributing over **55,000 pounds of seeds and seedlings** for farming.
 - **228,318 Gift of the Heart Kits and Blankets** have been distributed.
 - **291 certified PC (USA) Earth Care congregations** contribute to caring for creation.
 - **875 chickens** were distributed in Guatemala and Colombia.
 - A **\$5,500 grant** supported small farmers in South Sudan.
 - **105 women** became self-employed in Malawi.
 - **872 Presbyterian congregations** purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods.
 - **152 people** regained their land in Sri Lanka.
3. **How to Participate:**
 - Typically received during **Lent**, each gift to OGHS supports hunger relief, development, and disaster assistance.
 - Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of those in need. 100% of what is donated will go to the Mid-Tennessee Presbytery to be sent where it is needed.

¹OASIS



Great job EPC – 159 Goody Bags assembled! Delivery will be on March 21st and Oasis is thrilled because their stock was running low. Huge thank you to all of you who participated.

159 Goody Bags – March 2024

ALSO THIS...

Volunteers needed for GOSH DARN GRAVEL GATHERING

Saturday **3/30/24**...This three-day gravel cycling event in Hickman County, TN is back for the seventh year with proceeds benefiting Oasis Bike Workshop! Volunteers will receive an event t-shirt, post-ride meal, and non-transferable free entry to next year's even. They are also welcome to camp out on Friday or Saturday night. Tasks range from greeters, and registration help, to bonfire keepers and aid station volunteers. Use this link for more information and click the contact button: www.oasisbikeworkshop.org

Bike check-in and rider registration



AND THIS

East Nashville Beer Festival needs volunteer help

April 23, 2024 from 11 am- 2:30pm or 2pm – 5:30 pm

Contact Felisha at fbaquera@oasiscenter.org

²Nueva 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 starred items are the most needed:

*Diapers (both those for children and for adults)

*Feminine hygiene products

*Laundry detergent and fabric softener

Cooking oil

Rice

*Red beans, black beans

*Tortilla corn flour

*Cornmeal

Beds of all sizes

Powdered milk

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



There is a collection box outside the children's classroom. Thank you so much for helping us meet this need.

³Tax Help:

- Note the additional date option below
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- United Way is using our sanctuary to provide free income tax preparation: January 31st – April 10th (for those making less than \$70,000).
- There are appointments now available on Saturday March 23
- Wednesdays only, by appointment 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Call 615-206-7560 or go online to: Unitedwayfilefree.com
- Pass the word to others who might be interested



⁴Red Cross

Blood Drive update:

We have had two very successful blood drives and we want to build on that momentum. There is an attachment of a Red Cross Blood Drive flyer you can share on the front page of this email.

Date: **May 31, 2024 (Friday)**

Time: **Noon – 5:00 PM**

sign up is now live, donor sign ups are needed

go to: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

1. Key in zip code: EPC19

2. Click on : "Emmanuel Presbyterian Church" then choose your time slot

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

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 of your check which mission you intend to support.

Financial Support for EPC:

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 or 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, although currently, this is not working, see below.

In regards to the PayPal online donation function:

Staff and volunteers are working diligently to remedy the issues with our website donation function. Reconstruction was needed due to access issues and vendor changes have made the process more complicated than they were during initial set up of the account.



We apologize for any inconvenience this is causing for anyone, and we remain optimistic that this will be resolved within an unreasonable amount of time (not a typo) ❖❖

Current donations should be made by mailing a check to the church or sending an online payment through your banking payment function. (Or in person, wink, wink)!

Fellowship/Worship

One of our upcoming fellowship and worship activities will be the Supper of the Lamb. The other is the weekly zoom reading of John Meacham’s book, *The Hope of Glory*. See below for details on both events.

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Easter Sunday: We gather for our 10am Worship Service in great gladness to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Special music, the flowering cross, Easter tidings and treats.

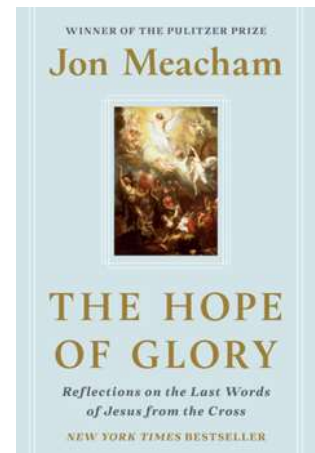
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Last Tuesday was the second of three Tuesday night Zoom group discussions of Jon Meacham's *The Hope of Glory*.

Come on in to the Zoom Room @7pm. Check your email for link to enter on Tuesdays.

I hope folks will have questions and comments, but please feel free to join in for just listening.

We are a richly varied community and benefit from each other's thoughts and experiences, whether they are similar to our own or very different - part of the beauty of being the Body of Christ together.



also

Join us for fellowship and a fresh cup of coffee around the kitchen window!
Thank to the following:

- March 24 - Claire
- March 31 - Karen and Fred
- April 7 - Marilyn
- April 14
- April 21
- April 28



- May 5 - Barb
 - May 12 – 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.

Communication:

Welcome Visitors! We are excited to call your attention to, and encourage you to visit our upgraded website! Go to www.epcnashville.com or 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 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 (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
- Email announcements for the Sunday bulletin to janemherring@gmail.com
- Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter to frhanchey@gmail.com

March Calendar:

Ongoing:

Worship Committee Mtg every 2nd Sunday after service

Mission/Fellowship Committee Mtg every 3rd Sunday 9:30 am...that's this Sunday!

Session Mtg every 3rd Monday

Each Wednesday through April 10th – United Way tax prep workshops 1 pm – 6 pm.

Lectio Divina every Wednesday during Lent at 6 pm with a simple meal@ 6:30 pm.

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

Collecting Lenten “gifts of love” for the Nueva Vida community through end of March.

March 24: Palm Sunday
March 24: Garden plot building after church in pavilion
March 28: Maunday Thursday
March 29: Good Friday
March 30: Volunteer to help at the Oasis fundraiser: the Gosh Darn Gravel Gathering
March 31: Easter
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.
- Teddy, Jefferson and Annalease will all be attending the 2024 Montreat Youth Conference, June 9-15. Teddy and Jefferson will be traveling with Scott Huie and Annalease will be traveling with Barbara. Costs for the youths' participation will be covered by EPC.

Children's Services:

- The children, big and small, (all those under 18!) will be offering a special surprise to the congregation on Palm Sunday. **If you are parent to one of our children**, please have them to church by 9:30 for a last time practice.
- 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 a safe space for those over 10 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.

Building and Grounds:

Hats off to John D for stepping up and agreeing to pick up the lumber and building the requested new garden boxes. That gives all the rest of y'all an excuse to go home and relax after next Sunday's service.

The kids still need items to keep doing preliminary plantings and to prep for future gardening success. If you have any of the following, we could use them. Please put on a table in the pavilion.

clear 2-liter soda bottles with lids

½ gallon milk jugs (clear or not) w lids

old pool noodles of any length

more toilet paper rolls

1½ quart ice cream containers

any 2' or 3' pieces of scrap gutter

Large yogurt or sour cream containers

odd or left-over mismatched socks

Thank you.



Success! Elizabeth's tiny little tomato sprout. I bet it will produce the best tasting ones you ever ate! It will go in the garden after temps are consistently warmer.



Mixed vegetable seeding – week 1



Mixed vegetable seeding – week 2

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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