



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

April 3, 2024

Worship: Communion Sunday

Last Sunday was Easter Sunday. It was a very emotion-filled service ranging from tears of grief to tears of exultation.

The Sunday prior was Palm Sunday, another busy day in the life of the church as we mourned for what we know is coming.

There are many pictures that were sent to me and a sampling of them are printed at the end of this newsletter.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and as such, we will offer communion to anyone wishing to partake.



Readings for the Coming Week:

[Second Sunday of Easter \(April 7, 2024\)](#)

- First reading
 - Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm
 - Psalm 133
- Second reading
 - 1 John 1:1-2:2
- Gospel
 - John 20:19-31

Liturgical readers and schedule notes

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	Notes
4.7.24	Herring	Genia	Communion
4.14.24	Herring	Mark S.	
4.21.24	Herring	Darrell H.	
4.28.24	Herring	Karen R.	
5.5.24	Herring	Genia W.	Communion
5.12.24	Herring	Barb	Mother's Day
5.19.24	Herring		
5.26.24	Herring		

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

Prayer and Praise:

Romans 15:30, 32-33 New International Version (NIV)

30 I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me... 32 so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. 33 The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Quotes about prayer:

I saw more clearly than ever, that the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord. ~ George Mueller

You are invited...



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:

¹OASIS

East Nashville Beer Festival:

ts Saturday 4/13/2 Proceeds from this beer festival will benefit the Oasis Bike Workshop! Volunteers receive an event glass and our adoration. We need volunteers in an early shift or later afternoon shift. Everyone will get a short break to enjoy the festival; however, there is no early entry.

a 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Volunteers will assist with check-in lines, hand out glasses, clean-up, lift and empty buckets. Many roles involve standing and can be made accessible for sitting as needed.

02 – 5:20 P.M. Volunteers will hand out glasses, clean-up, lift and empty buckets, and give out wristbands. Many roles involve standing and can be made accessible for sitting as needed.

Contact Felisha at fbaquera@oasiscenter.org if you are interested in helping with this.

²Nueva Vida:

We have reached the designated end point of our collection for the Nueva Vida Food Pantry. I am absolutely amazed at the generosity that has been poured out for our neighboring community and cannot thank you all enough for everything that has been brought in. The children's classroom has been overrun, in a good way, with items that were requested. Delivery will be this Friday.



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³Tax Help:

- United Way 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
- Pass the word to others who might be interested

⁴Red Cross

THERE IS A JOB FOR YOU. AND YOU, AND YOU AND YOU. So far only 2 people have said they can help. Let's bombard Barb with our responses!!!

The blood drive that EPC is conducting is in the detail countdown stage. We need your help, yes, as a donor, but also we need your help to spread the word. We are looking for helpers for a variety of tasks in the days leading up to and on the day of the blood drive, including:



- Can you help spread the word via social media sites? This can be more than one person.
- Are you able to create paper flyers or on-line messaging that people can link to for more information? Or can you create a thank you notice to give to donors that come?
- Do you have a network of friends over 18 that you can message to recruit donors?
- Do you have free time 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 at 615-473-3510 or via email at epcbusiness9770@gmail.com

We have had two very successful blood drives and we want to build on that momentum.

To sign up as a donor, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

then

1. Key in zip code: EPC19
2. Click on : “Emmanuel Presbyterian Church” then choose your time slot

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

Time: **Noon – 5:00 PM**

sign up is now live, donor sign-ups are needed

OGHS

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of those in need. – Total donated - \$182.06; funds will be sent to the Presbytery of Middle TN this week.

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 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 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:

We look forward to April 20th when the ladies of EPC and their guests will gather in community for a “high tea” to celebrate our friendship and love & support for each other. Wear your fancy springtime best and your “off to the steeplechase hat” and prepare to let the good times roll. Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler! See Diana for translation, details and answers to your questions. RSVP requested by April 13 to diana.braud@gmail.com

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

- March 24 - Claire
- March 31 - Karen and Fred
- April 7 - Marilyn
- April 14 – Terry and Ginia
- April 21 - Jan
- April 28 - Doug and Sue
- May 5 -
- 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.

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

Session Mtg every 3rd Monday

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

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

April 13: RSVP date for Ladies Tea to Diana.Braud@gmail.com

April 18: Adam Bessar at 2nd Pres in Nashville 9-11 am to discuss "The Church in Nashville"

April 20: Ladies High Tea at EPC 1-3pm

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:

- 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 for those over 10 who want some time to privately 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:

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, as we are trying hard to do gardening and recycling for free.

Pease put them on the table in the classroom.

Cardboard boxes (broken down if you can please)

2-liter soda bottles with tops

½ gallon milk waxed square cartons

Large plastic sided containers (It’s the flexible plastic that I need, like large yogurt, sour cream, whipped cream containers etc...)

1 gallon milk jugs (clear or not) w lids

1½ quart ice cream containers

Old pool noodles of any length

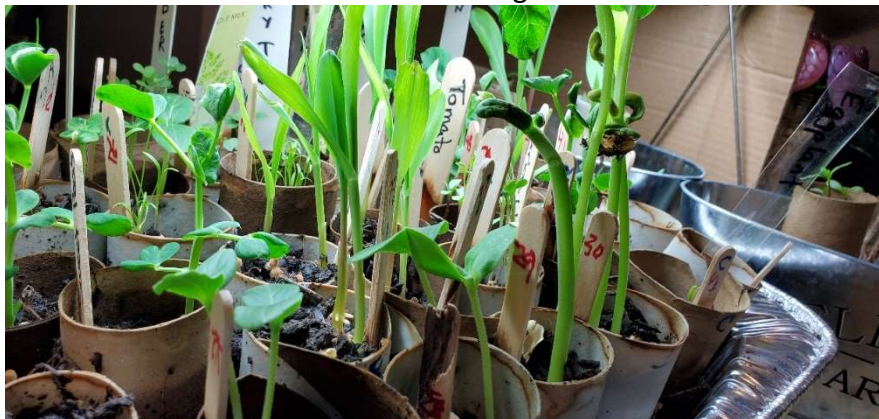
odd or left-over worn-out socks

unused garden stakes



This Photo by Unknown Author is

kid’s seedlings 3-23-24.







Palm Sunday pictures on previous page.

Easter Blessings pictures here.

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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