



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2024

## Worship:

### Readings for the Coming Week:

#### Third Sunday of Easter (April 14, 2024)

- First reading
  - Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm
  - Psalm 4
- Second reading
  - 1 John 3:1-7
- Gospel
  - Luke 24:36b-48



#### Liturgical readers and schedule notes

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	Notes
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	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](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com) or call 615-473-3510.

## Prayer and Praise:

### Matthew 18:19-20 New International Version (NIV)

19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

## Quotes about prayer:

God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it ~~ John Wesley



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

**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:



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Here's what you can do...

- If you are clever designing flyers or electronic documents, please do so... and then...
- If you are on social media, use and share those documents to help spread the word.
- Can you create a thank you notice to give to donors that come? Talk to Barb about what it needs to say.
- Can you message your over 18 friends and encourage them to sign up to donate.

- 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? (Friday, May 31)
- 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](mailto: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**

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## <sup>2</sup>OASIS

### **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](mailto:fbaquera@oasiscenter.org) if you are interested in helping with this.

## <sup>3</sup>Maple Village:

The Easter Lilies that were not picked up from the church last Sunday were delivered to the common room at Maple Village. They provided a bright spot for some of the seniors there who

may otherwise have a very hum-drum boring day. Thank you to those of you who donated their flowers to the Maple Village residents. We will do this again with the Christmas Poinsettias.

#### **<sup>4</sup>Nueva Vida:**

We have reached the designated end point of our collection for the Nueva Vida Food Pantry. The planned Friday delivery did not work out, so I am reaching out to find someone who is able to complete the delivery. They only accept deliveries on Monday or Friday mornings. If you can help with this, please contact Ginia for delivery instructions. All the 'goodies' are sorted and are in the hallway in front of the kids classroom. You can reach Ginia at [bandofangelz@gmail.com](mailto:bandofangelz@gmail.com). Notice that there is a z in the spelling of angelz.

**thanks**

#### **<sup>5</sup>United Way:**

The United Way tax workshops were, by all accounts, a successful collaboration this year, serving the community and several of members of our congregation. Today (Wednesday, April 10th, is the last day for this tax year).

#### **<sup>6</sup> Pentecost Special Offering:**

We are now in the Pentecost Special Offering season (April 1st – May 19th ). Last year we raised \$444.17 (of which \$177.66 (40%) stayed with EPC to offset costs of sending youth to Montreat).

### **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, 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:

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

- 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.

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We look forward to Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in the EPC sanctuary (1-3pm) 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, emails and answers to your questions. **RSVP requested by April 13 to [diana.braud@gmail.com](mailto:diana.braud@gmail.com)**

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**Join us for a Tea Party at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church!**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – 1-3pm**  
9770 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

Come in your fancy clothes and spring bonnet or show up in your work clothes – just come on and join in the High Tea fun!

RSVP as soon as you can so we know how many delightful tea treats and goody bags to prepare. **Text or call 615-627-6928 to say you’re in for teatime!**

Our special guest speaker is Lib Caldwell. In addition to being a world-class professor, theologian, and author, she is wonderfully warm and creative.

Lib will encourage us to dream together with God about *“What Fills Our Cups When Difficult Times Go on Too Long.”*



Special Guest: Dr. Lib Caldwell  
<https://www.mccormick.edu/emeritus-faculty/blog-post-title-three-psl4t-7rgec-bywmy>

## 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 (14<sup>th</sup>)

Mission/Fellowship Committee Mtg every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9:30 am (21<sup>st</sup>)

Session Mtg every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (22<sup>nd</sup>)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Diana.Braud@gmail.com)

April 18: Adam Buzard at 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Coming up soon, take part in uniting the Bodies of Christ:





As a follow up to a previous meeting, there will be a conversation with Adam Buzard, who is part of the Operation Andrew Group. This will be hosted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am. as he works to fulfill the mission of uniting the bodies of Christ as they partner with local churches. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres is located at 3511 Belmont Blvd and the conversation will center around "The State of Nashville". It is open to anyone (pastors, elders, church volunteers) interested in knowing what others think of our church, please **[RSVP to Gregory.midtennpres@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.midtennpres@gmail.com)**

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- 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.

#### **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 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:

We are excited, thrilled and pleased to have 5 more garden plots added to the gardens. The kids still need the following 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. Please put them on the table in the classroom:

- odd or left-over worn-out socks
- unused garden stakes (the U-shaped kind often used for holding landscape fabric in place
- 1/2 gallon milk jugs (clear or not) **with lids**
- Old pool noodles of any length ----->
- 1½ quart ice cream containers
- Cardboard boxes of any size (broken down if you can please)
- 2-liter soda bottles **with tops**
- ½ gallon milk waxed square cartons ----->
- Old newspapers



Thanks to this crew for the new plots

**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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