



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2024

## Worship:

### Readings for the Coming Week:

[Fifth Sunday of Easter \(April 28, 2024\)](#)

- First reading
  - Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm
  - Psalm 22:25-31
- Second reading
  - 1 John 4:7-21
- Gospel
  - John 15:1-8



#### Liturgical readers and schedule notes

Date	Pulpit	Liturgist	Notes
4.28.24	Herring	Karen R.	
5.5.24	to be determined	Ginia W.	Communion
5.12.24	Herring	Barb	Mother's Day
5.12.25	Herring		
5.26.24	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:

### 1 John 5:14 King James Version (KJV)

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.

### Quotes about prayer:

God will do great things for you if you will wait for Him. Yield to Him. Cooperate with Him.

~~John Smith

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 American Red Cross Blood Drive being held at EPC. It is time to sign up to donate. This means you, your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, your favorite barista or anybody who works at your local drive through restaurant and donut shop. As of 4/22/24 we have 5 donor sign-ups, please forward the Blood Drive information (see attachment on newsletter email) 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

[Forward the attachment on the front page of this email to all of your local social media outlets](#)



## **<sup>2</sup>United Way:**

- The United Way tax workshops were highly successful.
- 160 of our neighbors were assisted this year with their federal income taxes
- (more than last year, which may be credited to the more central location of our facility)
- We helped the return of more than \$140,000 in net refunds to our community

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

- The Pentecost Special Offering season goes from April 1st – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Last year we raised \$444.17
- 40% (\$177.66) stayed with EPC to offset costs of sending our youth to Montreat

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

- Lilia, our contact at Nueva Vida, was very grateful and sent many thanks to the congregation.
- When we hear of additional requests, we will pass them on. Their storage space is very limited.



## **Housekeeping:**

- There is a need for a deep spring cleaning of EPC.
- An incomplete list of chores that need doing is posted on the whiteboard in the adult classroom.
- Please look at the list and if you know an area not included, please add it to the list.
- The date for doing the clean-up is still to be determined.
- Take any folding chairs that need cleaning to Jane's office.

## **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.

The Pay Pal online donation function has now been repaired. At this point, the cause of the problem is immaterial. We just are glad to report it has been repaired.



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### Fellowship:

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

- April 28 - Doug and Sue
- May 5 - Jan
- 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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The **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ladies High Tea Party** was quite an event, a wonderful way to bring together old friends and celebrate meeting new ones. So many thanks go to so many people for so many things. I don't know who did what, but Sue with her calligraphy, precious china tea cups, and cooking (I only know this because I sat beside her!) ranks high on the list. Other names of major helpers and donors are Diana, Ginia, and Marilyn. There may be others I am missing but I was on the receiving end of all the hospitality and do not know who quite did what. It was an amazing event to pull off and it was wonderfully done. The tea, of course, the delicate party bites, the lovely hats and lace gloves, the beautifully decorated tables made this an event not to be missed.

Tea Party Pictures of Peoples, oh my!







## 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 (12th)

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:

May 5: Communion Sunday

May 12: Pentecost Sunday and Pentecost Special Offering

May 12: Mother's Day

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.

## 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 (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.

## Building and Grounds:

### If you have these, we need them!

- odd or left-over worn-out socks, any condition
- unused garden stakes (the U-shaped kind often used for holding landscape fabric in place)
- 1/2 gallon milk jugs (clear or not) with or without lids
- Old pool noodles of any length ----->
- 1½ quart ice cream containers
- Empty large coffee containers ----->
- Cardboard boxes of any size (the bigger the better)
- 2-liter bottles with or without tops
- Old newspapers



Last but certainly not least...



**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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