



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

## Worship:

### READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Proper 20 \(25\) \(September 24, 2023\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
  - Exodus 16:2-15
  - Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
  - Jonah 3:10-4:11
  - Psalm 145:1-8
- Second reading
  - Philippians 1:21-30
- Gospel
  - Matthew 20:1-16



### Liturgist's Schedule

9.24.23 Karen	10.1.23 Barbara
10.8.23 Marilyn	10.15.23 Jan
10.22.23	10.29.23

**We are still seeking liturgists for the last two (2) weeks in October.** If you wish to volunteer, please send an email to: [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com) or call 615-473-3510. Thank you to all who volunteer to be Pastor Jane's liturgy partners for our services each week!

## Prayer and Praise:

**We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving.**

**We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud.**

**We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting.**

**We are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient. – Billy Graham**

## 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/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



## Philippians 1:9-12

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

## 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Missions:

**Corinthians 3:9** For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

### <sup>1</sup>Oasis:

- Oasis T-shirt transformation project update  
(otherwise known as the doggie chew toy project) –

After collecting approximately 30 t-shirts from the EPC congregation and adding them to the more than 40 t-shirts collected by Oasis, the mission committee and other volunteers gathered after services last Sunday to cut the t-shirts into strips, group them by color and then deliver them to Oasis for their final transformation. Middle schoolers that interact with Oasis met on the 19<sup>th</sup> to braid the t-shirt strips into doggie chew toys that will then be delivered by Oasis to local animal shelters for the benefit of abandoned and abused dogs.

### <sup>2</sup>Maple Village:

- We are still going strong with the produce delivery to Maple Village. Fresh veggies and a plethora of fresh flowers make the residents smile!
- We will be collecting books til the end of September and puzzles til the end of October for an early October and early November delivery to MV.



### **<sup>3</sup>Peace and Global Witness Collection**

- Collected every fall – This Sunday through Oct 1
- Supports peace missions of many types
- EPC keeps 25% for local giving
- You can suggest financial gift recipients to any elder or member of mission committee.
- Proposed recipient is Bridges, a domestic violence women’s shelter in Franklin, TN

Your donations could aid in assisting refugees, addressing racism, ending domestic violence, gun violence, and human trafficking among many other peace initiatives. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected will remain at our church to fund local missions. Checks should be made payable to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church with Peace Offering written on the “For” line. Please give generously, cash also accepted!

#### **On Sundays:**

- Pick flowers from any EPC garden. Arrange and put on front sanctuary table.
- Harvest produce from the garden.
- Rinse veggies and take flowers and produce to Maple Village. Bring previous glass bottle back. Ask Ginia, Barb or Annalease if you have questions.



#### **Finance:**

- In the interest of full disclosure and transparency, there are no financial secrets at EPC.
- The posting of the regular rolling four week giving updates are now being put in the bulletin on Sundays.
- 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)
- 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)

**2024 Generosity/Stewardship Campaign**  
**September 17, 2023 through October 29, 2023**

God places resources into our keeping as stewards (we manage these resources, but God is the owner).

Tithing (giving of our time, talent and treasure) is an act of worship that demonstrates our gratitude for all of God's love, grace, mercy, and blessings.  
God gave first, now we give back.

Worship is expressing your love for God and your gratitude to God.

Gratitude is giving thanks to God for the many blessings in your life.

Faith is trusting God, with everything.

- **Now – October 15th** , pledge cards will be made available via email and at in-person services.
- **October 29th** - Deadline for submission of pledge cards and if there are session recommended changes to Rev. Herring's terms of call they will be presented to the congregation for approval.

**Timeline for 2024 Budget Vote**

- Nov. 3rd – draft of budget sent to session by Treasurer
- Nov. 19th – session to vote on budget
- Dec. 3rd – budget presented to congregation

**Financial Support:**

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.

## Fellowship:

- Karen and Fred will be renewing their wedding vows as part of the worship service on Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023. Let us all pray for continuing good health. Sparkling juices, champagne and shrimp treats are on the menu!
- On October 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a Blessing of the Animals and Service of Worship for the Lord’s Day. Bring your critter friends for a blessing and time together to praise God for these and our other many blessings.
- Also on October 8, the wildly popular Derrick and Friends are back by popular demand. Join us at 5 pm under the pavilion as they sing the Songs of Life that we grew up with. BYOB and EPC will provide the popcorn!
- Keep in mind that Covid-19 is back on the rise and in the news. We want to encourage everyone to remain vigilant in staying safe and healthy by washing hands frequently, using sanitizer, wearing masks and keeping a distance from others. Our passing of the peace has become a non-contact experience and like always, be sensible about other congregants’ health concerns.
- If you develop symptoms of covid, test as soon as possible.

We will use all we have learned in the past three years to continue to be as safe as possible, as healthy as possible, and to take good care of one another.

If you believe you have been exposed to an active case of covid, please use distancing and protective measures until you know you are covid-free to help keep those around you safe from possible infection.

Please talk to your pharmacist or doctor about the currently available bivalent vaccine and the monovalent vaccine that was approved by the FDA Tuesday. Find out what is best for you. Flu vaccines are also available.

And there is this fundraiser for Oasis if you're are into the music scene...

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ON SALE NOW!

It's that time of year again!

Join us on Saturday, November 4th, for  
the event of the season -

**ONLY IN NASHVILLE!**

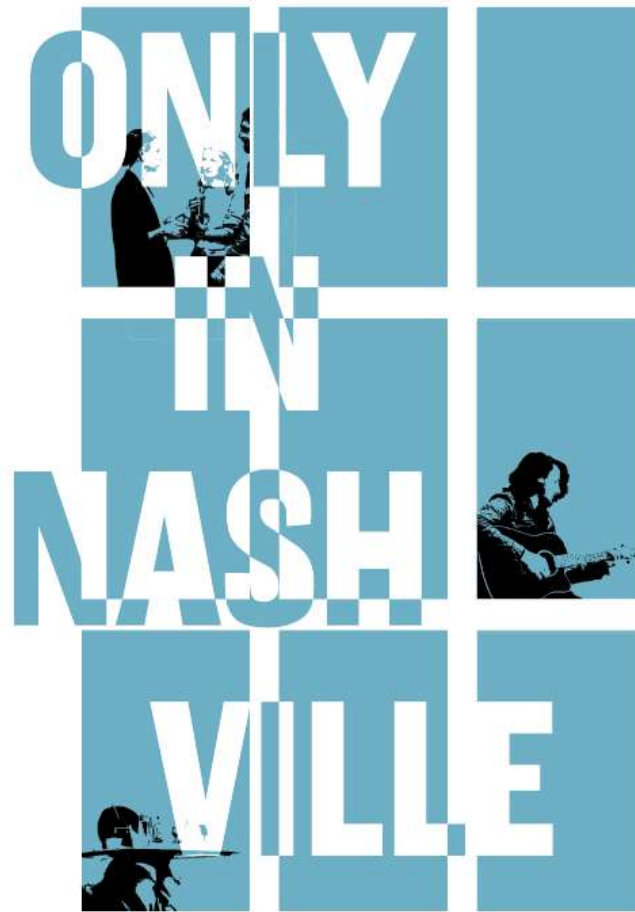
*Tickets and tables are going fast, so snag yours now!*

Join us November 4th at Marathon Music Works as we celebrate the 8th anniversary of **Only in Nashville!** We'll kick off the night with signature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction . . . followed by a delicious feast from Martin's Bar-B-Que, an open bar, and a live auction! We'll finish strong with an intimate songwriters' round with some of Nashville's biggest hitmakers!

It will be an unforgettable night with all proceeds supporting youth in Oasis Center's Emergency Shelter and mental health services...**Only in Nashville!**



## THE OASIS CENTER BENEFIT EVENT



Saturday, November 4, 2023

Marathon Music Works • 1402 Clinton Street, Nashville, TN 37203

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YOUTH. COMMUNITY. ACTION.

## FEATURING LEGENDARY SINGER-SONGWRITERS!

**Jimmy Robbins** - an award-winning, Grammy-nominated songwriter, Jimmy is known for penning multiple #1 hits, including "Circles Around This Town" and "I Could Use a Love Song" by Maren Morris, "half of my hometown" by Kelsea Ballerini & Kenny Chesney, "Sure Be Cool if You Did" by Blake Shelton, "We Were Us" by Miranda Lambert & Keith Urban, and many more!

**Eric Arjes** - a multi-genre songwriter, Eric has written for a multitude of Platinum and Grammy-winning artists such as Tim McGraw, Kane Brown, Matchbox Twenty, Cassadee Pope, Eli Young Band, Walker Hayes, and *Only In Nashville 2022* performer Levi Hummon, to name just a few!

**Jon Green** - an internationally acclaimed songwriter, producer, and entertainer, Jon's multi-genre songwriting credits include "What If I Never Get Over You" by Lady A, "Nightfall" by Little Big Town, "One More Light" by Linkin Park, and hits with James Bay, Jason Mraz, Kylie Minogue, and a host of other hit artists!

**Joybeth Taylor** - an up-and-coming songwriter and legend-in-the-making, with a reputation as one of the purest and most well-crafted lyricists in the business, Joybeth's 200+ credits include hit songs for artists like Elvie Shane, Lauren Alaina, Corey Kent, Kidd G, and so many more!

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### Tickets are available for purchase:

Seating for 12: **\$3,600**

Seating for 10: **\$3,000**

Per Individual: **\$325**

For reservations, contact Erica Combs at 615-983-6915 or [ecombs@oasiscenter.org](mailto:ecombs@oasiscenter.org).

### Communication:

Welcome Visitors!

- 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)
- 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.
- To Email someone for general EPC topics use [epcnashville@gmail.com](mailto:epcnashville@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)

## Calendar:

**Wednesday** nights Prayer group 6 pm  
**Sundays after service:** Maple Village delivery  
Collecting books through end of September  
Collecting jigsaw puzzles through end of October  
**Sept 4 – Oct 1:** Peace and Global Witness Collection  
**October 1** –Fred and Karen review vows  
**October 1:** World Communion Sunday  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Oct 8:** after service: Worship committee meeting  
**October 8:** Blessing of the Animals  
**October 8:** Songs of Life with Derrick and friends 5 pm  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, October 15:** Mission/Fellowship 9:30 am  
**Now** through October 29: Receive and return pledge cards  
**Monday, October 16:** Session meeting, 6:30 pm



**November 12:** Thanksgiving Dinner and Fellowship

## 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.

## Building and Grounds: I NEED HELP!

As you are considering ways to support EPC, remember giving of your time is a treasure as well. Please look over the following items, could you commit to a year of helping with garden maintenance? (99.9% of it is just weeding)

- Maintaining the rock garden with the founder stone and Ethan Sevier's cross.
- Maintaining the rock path that goes along the back side of the church building.
- Maintaining the rock garden that goes along the front of the church.





EMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR  
LET ME SOW HOPE**

## **Presenting Your Slate of Elders**

### **Class of 2023**

Theresa Denton, Worship and Polity & Procedure

### **Class of 2024**

Ginia Wood, Fellowship and Mission

John Denton, Building and Grounds

### **Class of 2025**

Greg Burlison, Personnel

Jan Russell

John Sevier, Director of Music

## **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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