



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
October 4, 2023

Worship:

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Proper 21 \(26\) \(October 1, 2023\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
 - Exodus 17:1-7
 - Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 - Psalm 25:1-9
- Second reading
 - Philippians 2:1-13
- Gospel
 - Matthew 21:23-32



Liturgist's Schedule

10.8.23 Marilyn	10.15.23 Jan
10.22.23 Karen	10.29.23 Mark
11.5.23 Sara	11.12.23

We are still seeking liturgists most of November and December. If you wish to volunteer, please send an email to: 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!

On Sundays:

Anybody can pick flowers from any EPC garden to arrange and put on front sanctuary table.

Prayer and Praise:

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...

Hebrews 6:11-12 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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

True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that – it is a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth. ~ Charles Spurgeon

Missions:

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

¹Maple Village:

- This Sunday's vegetable delivery will be the last one for this year. We still have flowers and will share those as long as we can.
- The book delivery went very well (Thank you Erika for helping).
- We will be collecting puzzles through the end of October and will deliver on Nov. 5

²Peace and Global Witness Collection

- The collection period for the Peace Offering has ended; the collected amount was \$410.00
- The 25% we keep (\$102.50) will be donated to Bridges, a battered women's shelter in Franklin, TN
- The remaining \$307.50 will be sent to Presbytery of Middle Tennessee; 25% of that amount will be used within Middle Tennessee and the remaining 75% will be sent to the General Assembly for use worldwide.
- This money matters! Thank you all for your contributions.

³Oasis:

- The next delivery of Oasis goody bags will be in early December
- if you wish to contribute to this mission, submit your contribution with "Oasis Project" in the memo line.
- The assembly of the goody bags will be done as part of the regular service either on November 26th or December 3rd.

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
- General EPC email can be sent to 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

Our Stewardship season continues until the deadline for submitting your pledge cards – October 29, 2023. Your pledge helps the session in its duty to craft a budget to sustain and maintain the blessings of our community and the physical space in which we come together to worship God.

The 3 G's of tithing:

1. I **get** to tithe.
 2. Tithing is a **good discipline**
 3. Tithing shows my **gratitude**.
- **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 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.

Fellowship:

- On October 8th 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. There will be special treats for all the pups.
- Also on October 8, the wildly popular and highly requested Derrick and Friends are back! Join us at 5 pm under the pavilion as they sing the Songs of Life that we grew up with. BYOB (yes, seriously) 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 is still going strong but we ask that everyone be aware of 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. Find out what is best for you. Flu vaccines are also available.

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 about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized) or to join the church or any other question you might have.
- To Email someone for general EPC topics use epcnashville@gmail.com
- Email announcements for the Sunday bulletin to janemherring@gmail.com
- Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter to frhanchey@gmail.com

Calendar:

Wednesday nights Prayer group 6 pm

Sundays after service: Maple Village deliveries

Collecting jigsaw puzzles through end of October

2nd 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

3rd 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

TBD Nov :? Blessing of Sue and Doug's new home

November 12: Adam Buzzard from Operation Andrew Group to preach.

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.

The State of Christianity in Nashville

- will be covered by Adam Buzzard from Operation Andrew Group on Nov. 12th
- information has been gathered by the Barna Group
- Copy and paste this link into your browser for more information.
<https://operationandrew.org/about/>

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 also available for those under 3.

Building and Grounds:



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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