



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
October 11, 2023

Worship:

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Proper 23 \(28\) \(October 15, 2023\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
 - Exodus 32:1-14
 - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Isaiah 25:1-9
 - Psalm 23
- Second reading
 - Philippians 4:1-9
- Gospel
 - Matthew 22:1-14



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.

Liturgist's Schedule

10.15.23 Jan 10.22.23 Karen 10.29.23 Mark 11.5.23 Sara 11.12.23 ??

On Sundays:

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

From the Blessing of the Animals Service last week... a bit of a noisy, chaotic, and 'ruff' start, then the magical food induced quiet...

Cowboy →





Thor and Orla ^^

Knox ←

→ Oreo



Prayer and Praise:

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 or 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

"You cannot pray for someone and hate them at the same time." - Billy Graham

"I firmly believe God continues to answer the prayers of His people even after He has taken them to heaven. Never forget that God isn't bound by time the way we are. We see only the present moment; God sees everything. We see only part of what He is doing; He sees it all." - *Billy Graham*

Missions:

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

¹Maple Village:

- Our gardens are still yielding produce and the flowers are as pretty as ever.
- We will be collecting puzzles through the end of October and will deliver on Nov. 5

²Oasis:

- The assembly of the goody bags will be done as part of the regular service either on November 26th or December 3rd.
- If you wish to contribute to this mission, submit your contribution with “Oasis Project” in the memo line.
- The next delivery of Oasis goody bags will be in early December .
- The Mission/Fellowship Committee will be **meeting this Sunday at 9:30** to discuss Oasis and other end of year giving opportunities. Please join us in the children’s classroom.

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)

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.

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.

Check out the Stewardship bulletin board in the hallway for ongoing information and inspiration about our Stewardship season.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 makes clear that our giving should be:

- Periodic (done at regular intervals)
- Planned (though of in advance of the giving)
- Proportional (giving in proportion to our blessings)
- Private (not done to make us known as generous givers)

2 Corinthians 9 tells us that our giving should be:

- Generous (giving more rather than less)
- Freely given (not done out of guilt or manipulation)
- Cheerful (given happily and with rejoicing in God)

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

Fellowship:

With approximately 25 guests in attendance, Derrick and Friends really put on a show.





Amy and Adam Pope alternated singing solos and harmonizing together beautifully to put out a set of songs that were often a throwback to some good old country music. Adam also shared original music he had written based on stories of his life and childhood. Derrick offered up drums, sound machine vocals and all sorts of accompanying noises. If you missed it, you missed out big time. It was a fantastic show! Good music, good laughs, good times. Thank you Derrick!

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

3rd Sunday, October 15: Mission/Fellowship Meeting
9:30 am

Now through October 29: Receive and return pledge cards

Monday, October 16: Session meeting, 6:30 pm

November 5: Time TBD Blessing of Sue and Doug's new home. Check bulletin board for details.

2nd Sunday, November 12: Worship Committee Meeting
November 12: Adam Buzzard from Operation Andrew Group to preach.

November 12: Thanksgiving Pot Luck 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

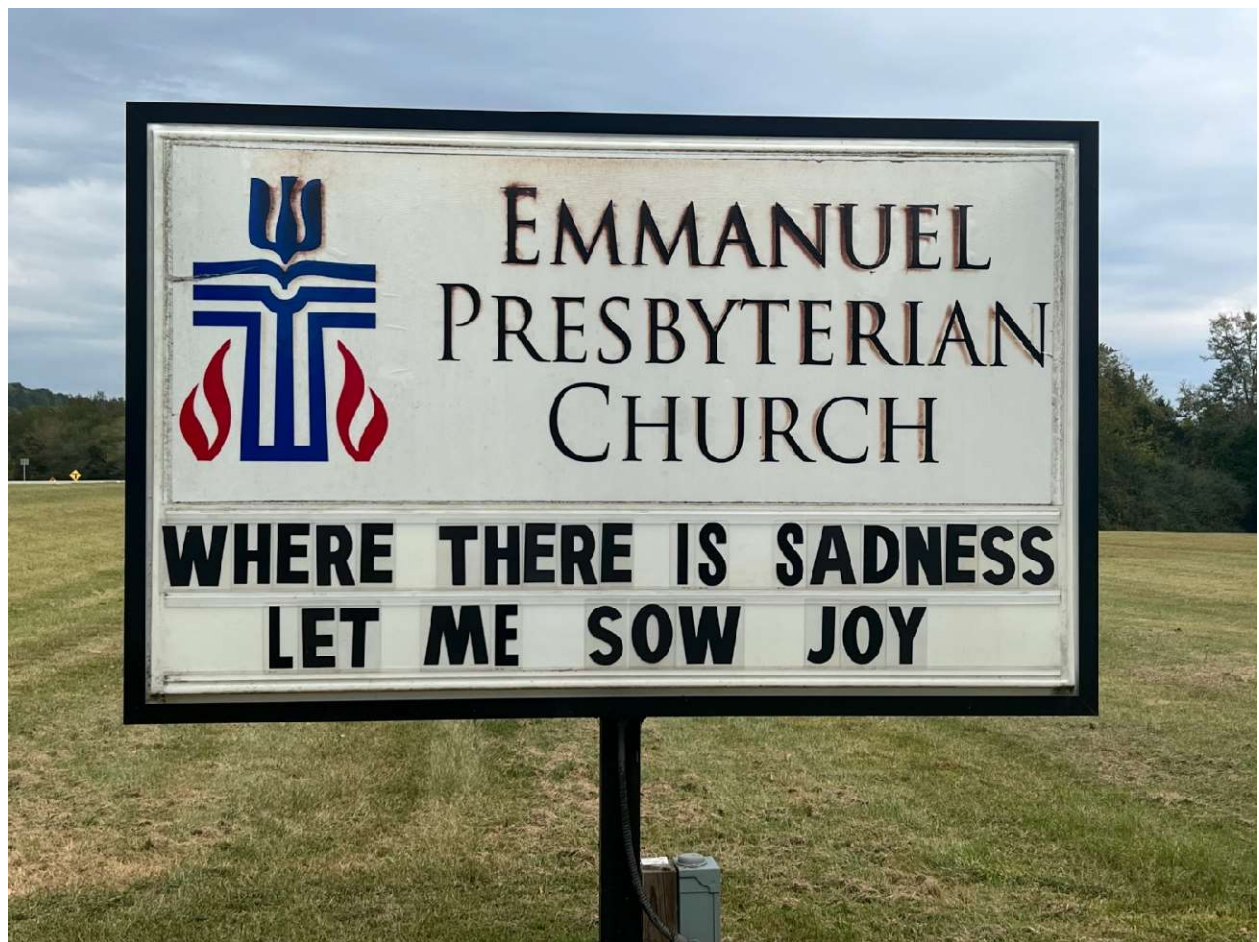
- will be covered by Adam Buzzard from Operation Andrew Group on Nov. 12th
- information has been gathered by the Barna Group
- Copy and paste this link into your browser for more information.
<https://operationandrew.org/about/>

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:

I have been working in the front circular garden this week and have removed quite a bit of the thrift plants that served as ground cover. There are clumps of rooted plants that are available to anyone who wants some. Thrift is the plant that give us such pretty pink flowers in early spring. It is very easy to plant and care for. I also have unearthed a bunch of tiger lilies (?) that are also available. The plants have been watered so bring something to carry them home in that is able to contain wet plants.



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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