



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
October 18, 2023

## Worship:

### READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Proper 24 \(29\) \(October 22, 2023\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
  - Exodus 33:12-23
  - Psalm 99
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
  - Isaiah 45:1-7
  - Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
- Second reading
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Gospel
  - Matthew 22:15-22



**We are still seeking liturgists for most of November and December.** 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.

### Liturgist's Schedule

10.22.23 Karen      10.29.23 Mark      11.5.23 Sara      11.12.23 ??

### **The Joy Offering:**

The Joy Offering is one of four special offerings that are collected in partnership with the greater PCUSA. The collection period is from November 26 – December 24. There are many requests for money from all directions because the need for so many is so great. The funds collected in this offering will fund special needs for retired pastors and will also be used to fund Presbyterian educational opportunities.

### **On Sundays:**

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

## Prayer and Praise:

**Psalm 86:11** (Life Application Study Bible)

Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth!  
Grant me purity of heart, that I may honor you.

**Psalm 90:14** (Life Application Study Bible)

O satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our lives.

### 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

Let no one profess to trust in God, and yet lay up for future wants, otherwise the Lord will first send him to the hoard he has amassed, before He can answer the prayer for more.

- George Mueller

## **Missions:**

### **Corinthians 3:9**

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

#### **<sup>1</sup>Maple 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 Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanksgiving pies will be delivered November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas cookies will be delivered December 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **<sup>2</sup>Oasis:**

- The assembly of the goody bags will be done as part of the regular service either on November 26<sup>th</sup> or December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 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 .
- We have chosen the Oasis Center to be the recipient of our Christmas giving this year. We'll sponsor 3 families and will be following Oasis' suggestion of gifting a \$25 Dominoes card, \$25 Kroger card & \$25 Amazon card per family. There is a list below of other requested items and a collection box will be in the hallway. These items will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Share your blessings, as you are able, with those less fortunate.

### **Requested winter Items: (any size)**

Hats, beanies, gloves, hand & foot warmers, blankets, jackets, coats, long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans, leggings, chap-stick, and fast-food gift cards.

## 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)

## 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.

## **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 (thought 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:**

- Susie and Doug have invited all of us to their house blessing after church on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. It's about a 30 minute drive. They have requested no housewarming gifts and instead are asking for donations of canned foods that can be delivered to 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. "Bring something you are grateful for." The Grateful Gathering will be from 1 – 4 pm.

We are so blessed that Susie and Doug have found their way to Emmanuel and into our hearts.

- Our annual Thanksgiving Potluck dinner will be **November 12** directly after service. The fellowship committee is providing a turkey and a ham and, as in the past, we ask our guests to bring their favorite side dish or dessert.
- Also mark **December 17** on your calendar as we share the holiday spirit with cookies and carols. We will enjoy the excellent music of Claire and John as we join them in reviving our annual Christmas favorites. Bring a little something to satisfy your sweet tooth or a Christmas treat to munch on. Also requested are extra cookies to go to Maple Village afterwards.

### **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) 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](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 deliveries.

**Now** through October 29: Receive and return pledge cards

**October 29:** deliver puzzles to Maple Village

**November 5: Time TBD** Blessing of Sue and Doug's new home.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, November 12:** Worship Committee Meeting  
**November 12:** Adam Buzzard from Operation Andrew Group to preach.

**November 12:** Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner and Fellowship. Bring sides or dessert.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, November 19:** Mission/Fellowship Meeting 9:30 am

**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Deliver pies to Maple Village

**Monday, November 20:** Session meeting, 6:30 pm

**November 26 – December 24:** Joy offering collections

**December 17:** Cookies and Carols after service; cookie delivery to Maple Village.



## 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

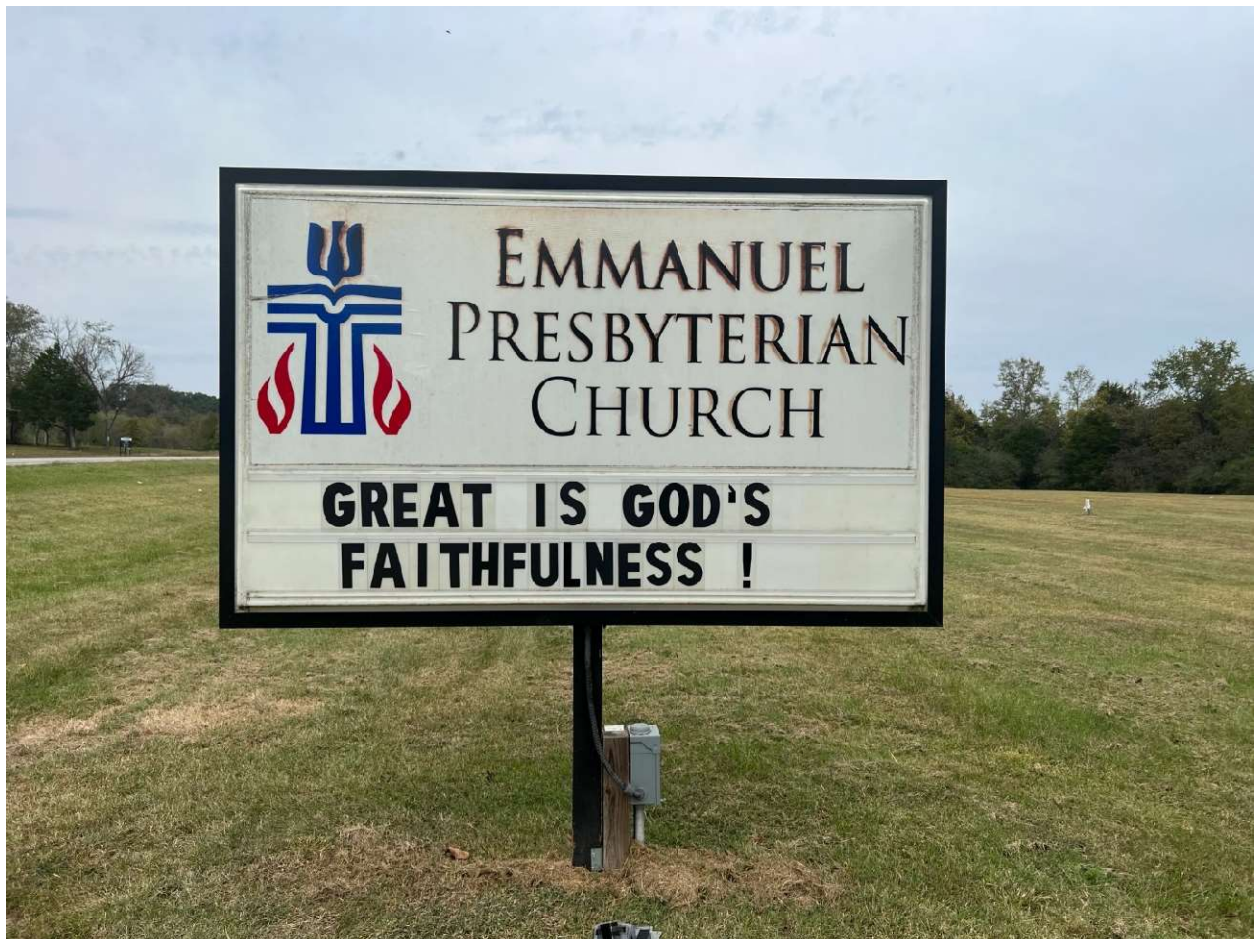
- will be covered by Adam Buzzard from Operation Andrew Group on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>
- information has been gathered by the Barna Group
- Copy and paste this link into your browser for more information.  
<https://operationandrew.org/about/>

## 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 removed quite a bit of thrift that served as ground cover in the front garden. 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 lily (?) bulbs that are 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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