



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
November 1, 2023

# Worship:

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

### proper 26 (31)

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 5, 2023

<u>Joshua 3:7-17</u>	<u>Micah 3:5-12</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Thessalonians</u>	<u>Matthew</u> <u>23:1-12</u>
<u>Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37</u>	<u>Psalm 43</u>	<u>2:9-13</u>	



### Liturgist's Schedule:

11.5.23 Sara                      11.12.23 Barb  
11.19.23 Karen                  11.26.23 \_\_\_\_\_  
12.3.23 Ginia

We are still seeking liturgists for the last week of November and last 4 weeks of December, If you want 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.

**REMINDER THE TIME  
CHANGES THIS  
WEEKEND. SET YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR  
SAT PM!**



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## **Next Sunday, November 12:**

In worship, we will hear Adam Buzard report on Operation Andrew's study on "The State of Nashville" utilizing Barna's research of the greater Nashville area to learn about the Church in Nashville from those who identify as followers of Jesus and from those who don't.

## **Any Sunday:**

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



## **Prayer and Praise:**

"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him." - St. Augustine

## **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



## Isaiah 55:6-7

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

## Missions:

### <sup>1</sup>Maple Village:

- We made our final veggie/flower delivery last Sunday. We had a good year with this mission outreach. **Thank you Annalease** for all your help.
- 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 on Dec 17
- 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 & a \$25 Amazon card per family. Oasis will pick the families.
- Oasis has also provided us with a list of winter items that would be most appreciated (see below). Sue has decorated the collection box and set up an area where you can bring your donated items. These items will be delivered just 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**

The deadline for submitting your 2024 Pledge Card was October 29, 2023. If you wish to pledge and have not yet done so, please make your submission by emailing it to [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com) or [epcgenerosity@gmail.com](mailto:epcgenerosity@gmail.com)

Thanks to all who pledged to support EPC for the upcoming year!  
Thanks to all who give to support EPC, whether the giving is pledged or not!

Thanks to the many who give above and beyond their pledge to support missions, our youth, and all the many things that EPC does with and for our community!

### 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:**

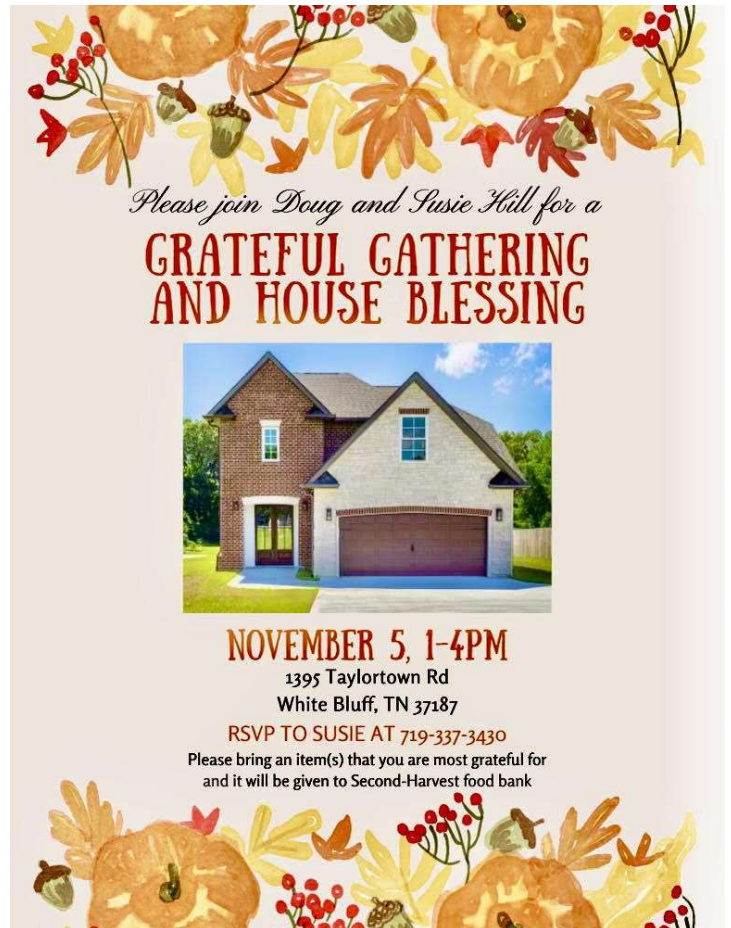
Susie and Doug have invited all of us to their house blessing after church on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**.

It's about a 30 minute drive to their house from church.

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.

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

The Grateful Gathering will be from 1 – 4 pm



- 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.

## 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), to join the church or any other questions 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

**November 5th: 1-4 pm** Blessing of Sue and Doug's new home. See fellowship section of this newsletter

**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

**Monday, November 20:** Deliver requested items and gift cards to Oasis

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

December 17: Assembly of Goody bags during worship service

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

December 20: Delivery of Oasis Goody bags



## 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:



## **Presenting Your Slate of Elders**

### **Class of 2023**

Theresa Denton, Worship and Polity & Procedure

Jan Russell,

### **Class of 2024**

Ginia Wood, Fellowship and Mission

John Denton, Building and Grounds

### **Class of 2025**

Greg Burlison, Personnel

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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