



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
November 22, 2023

## Worship:



## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<p><b>Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)</b> Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 26, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ezekiel 34:11- 16, 20-24</a></p> <p><a href="#">Psalm 100</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ezekiel 34:11- 16, 20-24</a></p> <p><a href="#">Psalm 95:1-7a</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ephesians 1:15-23</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Matthew 25:31-4</a></p>
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## Liturgist's Schedule:

The rest of 2023 is now covered, thanks to all who serve! We are now seeking liturgists for January 2024. If you wish to volunteer, please call 615-473-3510 or send an email to: [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)



11. 26 ...Jan

12.3 ... Ginia

12-10 ... Barb

12.17 ... Diana

12.24 ... Darrell

12.31..... Sandra

## Prayer and Praise:

### Philippians 4:6

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself. - St. John Vianney

**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

## Missions:

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

- We have chosen the Oasis Center to be the recipient of our Christmas giving this year. We have gifted the Center 3 sets of 3 gift cards. Each chosen family will receive a \$25 Dominoes card, a \$25 Kroger card & a \$25 Amazon card. Oasis will pick the families.
- Oasis also provided us with a list of winter items that would be most appreciated. The cup (or in this case, the box) over-floweth and the donated items were delivered last Monday. Thank you to all of those who participated in the sharing mission action.



← ← ← The collection of completely assembled goody bags done in August of 2022.

- The assembly of the goody bags will be done as part of the regular service on **Dec 17**. Delivery will be Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.
- If you wish to contribute to this mission, submit your contribution with “Oasis Project” in the memo line.

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

- Pies were delivered to Maple Village last Monday afternoon, bringing smiles to the residents and staff alike. Thank you to those who cooked (or shopped the pie isle).



### **<sup>3</sup>Red Cross:**

**Volunteers needed** — believe it or not, we are already planning for our annual Blood Donation Drive to be held in May 2024. We want to build on the last two years of successful Blood Drives and your help is needed. We are seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks in the months leading up to and on the day of the Blood drive, including:

- People with social media savvy to help make a plan for getting the word out;
- People with creative skills to help develop flyers, messaging, and thank you tokens;
- People with extensive networks that can help recruit donors;
- People willing to help on the day of the drive to check in donors, make sure donors are offered thank you tokens, help place signage and help with clean up.

If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact Barb Halverstadt at 615-473-3510 or via email at [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)

### **<sup>4</sup>Joy offering:**

#### *developing & sustaining our leaders*

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

If you are donating with a check, please put “Joy Offering” in the memo line.

### **Finance:**

If you are in the habit of making year-end charitable donations, please consider giving to one of EPC’s ongoing missions:

- The Oasis project—our year-round, multifaceted mission to assist the Oasis Center with special needs as they arise and goody bags that are distributed to Nashville’s homeless youth.
- The Community Garden
- The Gateway to Higher Education Scholarship Fund

## 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.

**\*\*We are currently having a problem with the online donation function.** We hope to have it corrected as soon as possible. Any year-end donations should be made by mailing a check to the church or sending an online payment through your banking payment function.\*\*



## 2024 Generosity/Stewardship Campaign:

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- 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!
- Thanks to the many who give of their precious resources of time and energy to maintain and improve our worship, facilities, and programs!

- And a special thank you to Pastor Jane for her insightful and inspirational messages each week.

### **2024 Budget will be presented to the congregation for a vote on Dec 17th**

## **Fellowship:**

- We enjoy snacks and fellowship each Sunday after service. If you are able to provide goodies at this time, you will be showered with virtual hugs and kisses, maybe even real ones! Check the sign-up sheet by the front door to see available dates.
- **Sunday, December 3** we will have the opportunity to bond over some good natured fun while we come together to decorate our Christmas Tree. Plan to stay after church to get things set up “just right”!
- Also mark **Sunday December 17** on your calendar as we share the holiday spirit with cookies and carols.

## **Communication:**

Welcome Visitors! We are excited to call your attention to, and encourage you to visit, our upgraded website! Go to [www.epcnashville.com](http://www.epcnashville.com) or [www.epcnashville.org](http://www.epcnashville.org) for all your questions. Cut and paste one of these sites in your browser. If you can't find it there, try the options below.

- 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.
- 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).
- 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)
- 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

**December 3:** Communion Sunday

**December 3 – December 24:** Joy offering collections

**December 10:** Worship meeting

**December 17:** Fellowship/Mission/Congregational Care meeting 9:30 am

**December 17:** Assembly of Goody bags during worship service

**December 17:** Cookies and Carols after service

**December 18:** Session meeting, 6:30 pm

**December 18:** 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.

## 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. We always have two adults with the children and their safety and education is our top priority.

## 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

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**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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