

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Linda Jones, **Craig** Thompson, **Jim** Hipps, **Norma** Washam, **Ellen** Thomas, **Carol** Dalglish, **Pat** Rapp, **Gayle** Beason

Friends and Loved Ones:

Janice Robertson, Ashley Jordan's grandmother (James' daughter in law)

Charlie Link, Tracy's son

Chuck Seeliger, Rev. Cynthia's father

Avery, Ouida's contact, toddler with cancer

Jessica Dennison, Sister of Billie's coworker

Margaret Long, Mark's mom

Stacie Johnson and baby **Charlotte** Elizabeth, Carrie's friends

Rhonda M. The Penley's friend

Ann Kozi, The Penley's friend

Kathy Schalekamp, heart, Kathy M's friend

Julie Talens, Kathy M's friend

Val Morien, Kathy M's friend

Pam Jackson, Amelia's friend, terminal cancer

Jeanne, Judy P's sister in long term care

Sara Main, Carol Dalglish's sister

Earl Krampe, Nichole Pruneda's uncle

Wanda Chavers, The Cotham's friend

Fred and **Pat** Bowman, Cheryl's daughter in law's family

Janet, Kathy M's friend

Ronnie Johnson, Amelia's uncle

Alicen and **Hailey**, Del and Pat's Granddaughters

Sister **Tina** Francesca, Friend of the Long and Duff families

Jess, Rachel Rowland's Cousin

Wilene Penley, Keith's mom

Kathy Lowry, former parishioner

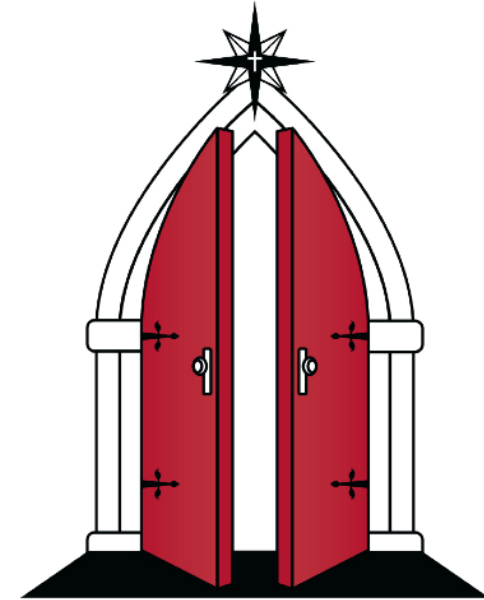
And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially, **Julianne** Moore (School Resource Officer at Barry Tatum Academy, Wilson County Schools); **Anthony** Sarago, (Amanda Pau's brother, Army, Honolulu, HI). **Trevor** Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy, Seal Training VA Beach), **Malerie** Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, Montauk, New York), **Sean** Vogel (Kathy Vogel's son, Air Guard, Colorado), **Dalton** Ogdon (Linda Jones' grandson, Army Reserve, Fredericksburg, VA)

For those having birthdays this month: **Kathy** Vogel (9/6), **Brittany** Alack (9/11), **Carrie** Johnson (9/13), **Dee** Reed (9/14), **Ann** Hill (9/15), **Pace** Pope (9/18), **Craig** Thompsen (9/26).

For all those having wedding anniversaries: **Evan and Susan** Johnston (9/1), **Jim and Amelia** Hipps (9/7)

We pray for our outreach partners Byars Dowdy Elementary, Joseph's Storehouse and Compassionate Hands and the people they serve. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro.



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024 + 8:30AM + 10:30AM

In-person and Livestream

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Lebanon, Tennessee

Welcome!

“...For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people...”

Guests and friends, we are delighted to welcome you today. We hope you will enjoy the service and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in praise and prayer. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this order of service bulletin. Episcopalians generally stand to sing, kneel (or sit) to pray, and sit to listen.

Baptized Christians of any denomination are invited to take communion. At the altar rail, if you'd like to receive a prayer of blessing instead of the bread or wine, indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. **Gluten free wafers are available.**

Please sign our guest book, receive a visitor's bag and join us downstairs for refreshments after the service. Our child care workers, Evie and Chloe, are available downstairs from 8-12PM.

*The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God
and in memory of Don and Kay Johnson by Carrie Johnson.*

Announcements

- **Youth Group Sunday School** will take place 9/22, 10/27, 11/10, and 11/24. 10:10AM- 11:10AM returning in time for communion. Contact Samantha Ruffin for more information.
- **Epiphany 101** | Sundays, 9:35AM for newcomers who are curious about Epiphany and the Episcopal Church in general.
- **Grief Share** on Thursdays, 9:30-11AM Register online and order books at griefshare.com
- Our **Annual Stewardship Campaign** has begun! Make your pledge anytime for anticipated giving in 2025 on a pledge card or in the Realm App.
- **Stewardship Sunday** will be September 29th with a Brunch Potluck Meet in the Middle on that day.
- **The Blessing of the Animals**, St. Francis of Assisi Day, will be celebrated on Sunday, October 20th at the 10:30AM service in the pavilion. Bring your pets to receive a prayer of blessing!
- **“BARN PARTY at the Bradleys”** on **Saturday, October 12th, 4-8PM.** Sign up later in the month to attend and bring a side dish. Save the date.

Ongoing events:

- *First Sunday, Opportunity for **Healing Prayer** in the Eucharist
- *First Sunday, **Daughters of the King**, 12:15PM See Pat Rapp
- *Second Saturday, **Men's Breakfast**, 8:30AM Parish Hall, See Jim Hipps
- *Second Sunday, **Choir Practice**, 9:30AM
- *Third Monday, **Vestry Meeting**, 6PM
- *Third Thursday, **Lunch Bunch** Social 11:30AM
- *Fourth Sunday, **Food Pantry** Collection for Joseph's Storehouse

	8:30	10:30
Ushers	Debbie Hayes & Edi Kanyock	Del Rapp & Rodney Beason
Lector	Susan Johnston	Jason Pau
Prayers of the People	Donna Eckert	Cheryl Cotham
Eucharistic Minister	Donna Eckert	Keith Penley
Acolytes	Richie Watson	Heather Hughes, Rory Duff & Stephen Hughes
iPad Livestream	***	Sarah Hughes
Altar Guild	Jean Newbell & Mary Lou McBrien	
Open & Close	Amelia Hipps	

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The ushers will direct when to come forward. Present your hands to receive a blessed wafer; leave it for the chalice bearer to dip and give back to you, unless you'd like to receive from the cup. If so, help by guiding the cup to your lips. Cross your arms to indicate you'd like the wine to pass you by or receive a prayer of blessing instead of communion.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel or stand as able.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Hymn 473 *Lift high the cross*

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II | 8:30am and 10:30am Services

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Organ Prelude

Hymn 372 *Praise to the living God!*

1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
The one eternal God, ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms, declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth, can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

4 Eternal life hath he, implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria *(Hymnal Service Music S-280)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (1:20-33)

Wisdom cries out in the street;

in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;

at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,

have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel

and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,

and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,

when distress and anguish come upon you

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;

they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge

and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

would have none of my counsel,

and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way

and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,

and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure

and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 19 *Let us read responsively by half-verse.*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *

2 and their voices are not heard,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Fraction Anthem (*Hymnal Service Music S 154*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Absolution

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Presentation and the Doxology

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. *(A seasonal preface is added here.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus *(Hymnal Service Music S-125)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

(The people kneel or stand.)

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the Book of James (3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 383 *Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature*

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 8:27-38

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Cynthia Seifert

The Nicene Creed *(Standing)*

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. *Silence*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially Joe, our President, and Bill our Governor, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For those on our prayer list including *(see the back page)*. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died *(especially _____)*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.