

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Craig Thompson, **Linda** Jones, **Norma** Washam, **Jim** Bevis, **Donna** Eckert, **Rodney** Beason, **Ron** Schnieder, **Amelia** and **Jim** Higgs, **James** Jordan, **Nancy** Daniel. *(Last four, caregiving for parents.)*

Friends and Loved Ones:

Sharon Dauberman (Donna Eckert's sister)

Linda Samand and **Barbara** Anderson (Ron Schneider's sisters)

Claudette Morrison (Amelia Hipp's mother)

Kay Johnson (Carrie Johnson's mother)

Virginia Jordan (James Jordan's mother)

Fred Walther (Brenda's husband, illness)

Alicen and **Hailey** (Del and Pat's Granddaughters)

Marjorie Reedy (Nancy Daniel's mother in hospice)

Ken Tuschl (Jeannie's husband)

Sandi Kayler (Ann Lemoine's sister in law, illness)

James Brown (Jeff Brown's father)

Barbara Whalen (Clergy Spouse)

Karen (Carrie's friend with cancer)

Phillip Bourne (Rev. Cynthia's friend with cancer)

Shawn McBrien (recovery from foot infection)

Eddie Kanyock (Knee replacement surgery)

Kevin Hutchinson (Amelia's friend with cancer)

And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

Those in long term care: **Kathy** Lowery, **Wilene** Penley, **Betty** Kirk, **Caroline** Robertson, **Lois** Phillips, **Margery** Allard.

For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially,

Ben Watkins, (Metro Nashville FD), **Jonathan** McBrien (Mary Lou's grandson, Air Force, Alaska)

Trevor Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy, Italy), **Malerie** Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, Cape May, New Jersey), **Sean** Vogel (Kathy Vogel's son, Air Guard, Colorado), **Dalton** Ogdon (Linda Jones' grandson, Army Reserve), **Carson** Gerlach (Laurie Collin's nephew, Marine Reserve, FL).

For those having birthdays this month: **Jeannie** Tuschl (5/7), **Glen** Hopper (5/8), **James** Jordan (5/9), **Susan** Johnston (5/10), **Gayle** Beason, **Nancy** Daniel and **Cynthia** Seifert (5/12), **Jason** Pau (5/17), **Gail** Palmer (5/20), **Paige** Greaves (5/27)

For all those having **wedding anniversaries:** **Don** and **Phyllis** Johnson (5/3), **Rodney** and **Gayle** Beason (5/10).

For all those connected to our partner school, Byars-Dowdy Elementary.

For for the Ukraine, its people and leaders; we pray for our country, for grace in the midst of our divisions.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Resurrection, Franklin.



Sixth Sunday of Easter Blessing of the Newcomers

May 22, 2022 + 10:30AM

In-person and Livestream

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Lebanon, Tennessee

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

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

We are delighted to welcome all our guests and visitors who have joined us for worship 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.

Please do sign our guest book, receive a visitor's bag and know you are invited to join us downstairs for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Announcements

May 22, Liturgy of Belonging for New Members, Newcomers Luncheon after church

June 5th, 8:30AM in the Nave 10:30AM Pentecost in the Pavilion

June 12, Ice Cream Sundae Sunday

June 19, Nashville Soccer Game Outing

June 27-29, Monday- Wednesday 9-11:30AM VBS

Ongoing events:

*First Sunday Healing Prayer

*Third Sunday, Vestry Meeting after church

*Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Collection

The altar flowers today were given to the glory of God by Bob Soupiset.

Participants	This Week	Next Week
Ushers	Yolande Watson Mary Lou McBrien	Don and Phyllis Johnson
Livestream	Del Rapp	Kitty Waters
Lector	Jason Pau	Jim Hipps
Intercessor	Amelia Hipps	Pace Pope
Crucifer	Keith Penley	Laurie Collins
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Rice	Susan Johnston
Altar Guild	Betty Cavallaro Ann Lemoine	Yolande / Mary Lou
Vestry Person	Judy Peary	Judy Peary

A Liturgy of Belonging

Priest: We now welcome these persons who wish to join with this part of the body of Christ, the Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon.

Priest to the Congregation: I introduce to you these newcomers _____.

Priest to the New Members: And I introduce you to the people of Epiphany. Is it your wish to make this community of faith, Epiphany, your church family?

Is this the place and are these the people with whom you will seek to make sense of the issues of your life; your dreams, your faith, who you are, what you are to do, who God calls you to be? Is it your wish to make this the place where you continue your journey into greater health and wholeness; where you listen to the story of God's salvation and the Good News of Jesus Christ, allowing Jesus to be an example and teacher to you, where you are called to a life of ministry and justice; and where you are fed at the table of new life?

New Members: Yes, that is my wish.

Vestry Reps to New Members: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in union with this community of faith?

New Members: I will, with God's help.

Vestry Reps to New Members: Will you pledge your spiritual, social and financial support to this parish family?

New Members: I will, with God's help.

Priest to the Congregation: Will you who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We will.

Will you welcome these persons into this church family, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation: Yes! Yes! Yes!

Everyone: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other and to support each other. By our common life in this community, may we come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus' name, we pray.

Priest: As the Priest of this parish, and speaking for the entire congregation, I welcome each of you as active members in the body of Epiphany. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and empower us all now and always. **AMEN**

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. (Refrain)

4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Organ Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 362 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Hymn S-280 *The Gloria*

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts (16:9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 **for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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....

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

...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 S 154

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

The ushers will direct when to come forward to receive the bread wafer and/or the wine. Cross you arms to indicate you'd like to receive a prayer of blessing instead.

Communion Hymn 510 *Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Post Communion Prayer

**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 Easter Blessing

We pray for all who have died (especially _____) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Blessing of the Newcomers/ Liturgy of Belonging

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you**

The Offertory Sentence

Passing of the Offertory Plates

Offertory Hymn

The Presentation and the Doxology (*Tune of Hymn 400*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above the heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 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.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (21:10, 22-22:5)

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 686 *Come thou fount*

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (14:23-29)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Hymn 686 *Come thou fount*

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (IV BCP 392)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael the Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; Cynthia our Priest, and for all bishops
and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
In particular, we pray for those on our prayer list. *(Please see the back of the bulletin.)*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence, then thanksgivings may be said silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.