

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:

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

Max Kelly, Rev. Cynthia's uncle, Hospice Care

And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

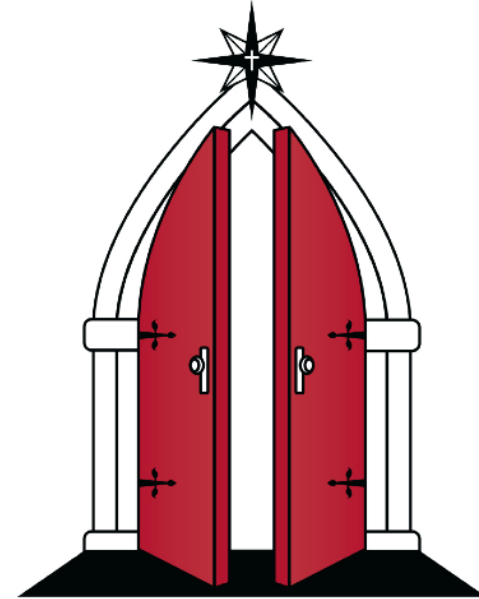
For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially, **Julianne** Moore (Member, School Resource Officer at Barry Tatum Academy, Wilson County Schools). **Trevor** Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy, Seal Training VA Beach), **Malerie** Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, 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: **Brittany** Alack (9/11), **Kathy** Vogel (9/6), **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 Church of St. James the Less, Madison.

For those who have died: James Brown, Jeff's father.



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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 thanksgiving for Evan & Susan Johnston's 45th Wedding Anniversary.*

Announcements

- Thanks to all who gave to the **Community of St. Mary** last Sunday! We are proud/grateful to share with them over \$600 for their efforts on the mountain.
- **Youth Group Sunday School** will take place two Sundays out of each month through Thanksgiving: * 9/8, 9/22, 10/27, 11/10, and 11/24. 10:10AM- 11:10AM in time for communion. Contact Samantha Ruffin for more information.
- **Epiphany 101** | Sundays, 9:35AM Starting September 8th, 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!
- Sladen and Renee Bradley hosting the October 12th party at their house.

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
- *Fourth Sunday, **Youth Group, (6th-12th grade)** TBD

	8:30	10:30
Ushers	Wayne & Ann Hill	Jean Newbell, Carrie Johnson
Lector	Carol DalGLISH	Heather Hughes
Prayers of the People	Susan Johnston	Pace Pope
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Johnston	Keith Penley
Acolytes	Donna Eckert	Ginger Penley, Sarah & Stephen Hughes
iPad Livestream	***	Seth Hughes
Altar Guild	Susan Johnston & Lori Cameron	
Open & Close	Susan Johnston	Lori Cameron

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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 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see; 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Organ Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 436 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes, to whom this King of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide, my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated.

A Reading from the Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *Let us read responsively by half-verse.*

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;

let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *

my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; *

grace flows from your lips,

2 **because God has blessed you for ever.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

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.

**The Absolution
Opportunity for Healing Prayer
The Peace**

The Holy Communion

**The Offertory
The Presentation and the Doxology
Eucharistic Prayer C**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.)

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
**a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.**

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
**on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

BCP 369

A Reading from the Book of James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Hymn 482 *Lord of all hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled, At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Cynthia Seifert

The Nicene Creed (*BCP page 358*) (*Standing*)

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; 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.

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**