

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Linda Jones, **Craig** Thompson, **Jim** Hipps, **Pat** Rapp, **Tethi** Inman.

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

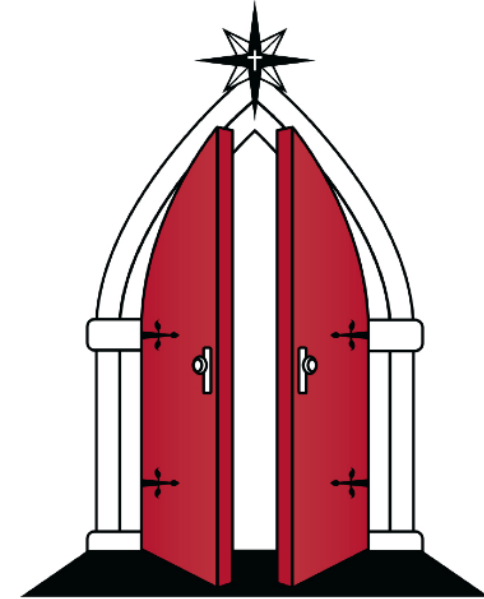
And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

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), **Don and Cheryl** Cotham (9/9), **Sladen and Renee** Bradley (9/14).

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 St. Michael's Church, Cookeville.



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 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 today were given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of William F. Blackton, Kelly McConnell's father,
on the anniversary of his birth and in celebration of his life.*

Announcements

- 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** is today with a **Brunch Potluck Meet in the Middle**
- **Youth Group Sunday School** will take place 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
- **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**. Address: 2169 Sugar Flat Rd, Lebanon TN 37087. 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	Ann & Wayne Hill	Betty Cavallero & Jean Newbell
Lector	Carol Dalglish	Heather Hughes
Prayers of the People	TBD	Mary Holland
Eucharistic Minister	Richie Watson	Keith Penley
Acolytes	Lori Cameron	Ginger Penley, Rory Duff & Stephen Hughes
iPad Livestream	***	Seth Hughes
Altar Guild	Susan Johnston & Lori Cameron	
Open & Close	Richie Watson	Lori Cameron

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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 679 *O God, our help in ages past*

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream, dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

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

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Prelude

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.

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Esther (7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22)

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Psalm 124 *Let us read responsively by half-verse.*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.

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.

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

Blessing of the Pledge Cards

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.)

6 Blessed be the Lord! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

A Reading from the Book of James (5:13-20)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.
Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over
them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the
Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess
your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the
righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it
might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again,
and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by
another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's
soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn *Speak, O Lord, as we come to You*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You; To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today; In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us; All Your purposes for Your glory

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time; That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built; And the earth is filled with Your glory

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 9:38-50

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop
him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a
deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against
us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name
of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Cynthia Seifert

The Nicene Creed *(Standing)*

BCP 358

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.
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.

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.

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.**