

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Lois Phillips, Donna Eckert, Ellen Thomas, Linda Jones, Craig Thompson, Judy Peary, James Jordan

Friends and Loved Ones:

Sister Tina Francesca (Friend of the Long and Duff families)

Tasha (Tethi's sister)

Jess (Rachel Rowland's Cousin, young mom with cancer)

Cole Joiner (Traumatic Brain Injury)

James Brown (Jeff Brown's father)

Janet Pritchett (Kathy M's friend with cancer)

Lynnette Richardson (Kathy McLallen's friend)

Judith Scheide (Bill Dalglish's sister, oxygen shortage)

Mandy Wagner, (Cheryl's friend, ovarian cancer)

Christine (Janie Kelly's niece, cancer treatment)

Debbie (Janie Kelly's friend, cancer)

King Moss (Adam's uncle, heart issues)

Mitzie Russell, (Amelia's friend, hoping for lung transplant)

Ronnie Johnson, (Amelia's uncle, heart and lung issues)

Rob Erdman, (Amelia's friend, beginning of kidney failure)

Michael and Valerie Cascanet

Alicen and Hailey (Del and Pat's Granddaughters)

Kris and Fulton Johns (Church neighbor, illness)

And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

Those in long term care: Kathy Lowery, Wilene Penley, Virginia Jordan.

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

Sean Vogel (Kathy Vogel's son, Air Guard, Colorado), Dalton Ogdon (Linda Jones' grandson, Army Reserve),

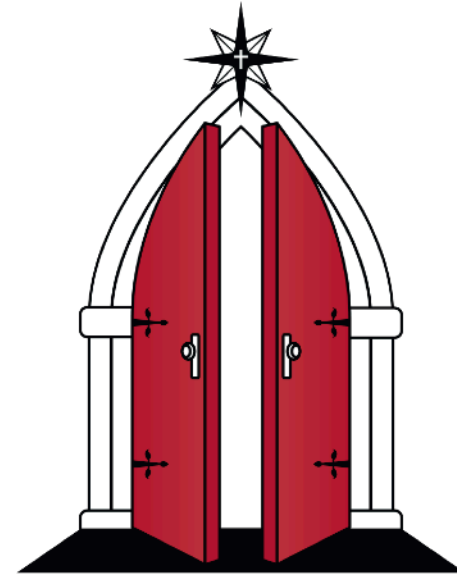
Jonathan McBrien (Mary Lou's grandson, Air Force, Alaska) Trevor Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy, San

Diego), Malerie Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, Montauk, New York),

For those having birthdays this month: Ed (Bunky) Williamson (11/2), Jan Calvert (11/3), Carol Schneider (11/3), Abby Seifert (11/12), Helen Waters (11/13), Billie Brown (11/29).

For all those having wedding anniversaries: Lee and Gail Palmer (11/24)

We pray for Byars Dowdy Elementary and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Michael's, Cookeville.



Twenty-fifth Sunday *after* Pentecost

November 19, 2023 + 8:30AM + 10:30AM

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 with us! At the altar rail, if you'd rather 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 “coffee hour” and treats after the service.

Altar Flowers today were given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, Billy “Cotton” Morrison by Amelia and Jim Hipps.

Today **Thanksgiving Potluck!**

Epiphany 101 and **Adult Sunday School** at cancelled today but returns next Sunday.

Monday Noon Bible Study this week with Acts of the Apostles, all are invited!

Choir Practice, Sunday, 3PM

Sunday, 12/3, **Advent Wreath Workshop** at 9:30AM Sign up on the door for one per family. \$25 donation

Sunday 12/3, **Blessing of the Newcomers** at both services

Ongoing events:

*First Sunday, Opportunity for **Healing Prayer** in the Eucharist

*First Sunday, **Daughters of the King**, 12:15PM

*Third Tuesday, **Vestry Meeting**, 6PM

*Third Thursday, **Lunch Bunch** Social 11:30AM TBD

*Fourth Sunday, **Food Pantry** Collection for Joseph's Storehouse

*Fourth Sunday, **Youth Group** 12:15pm

*Thursdays, 9:30AM **Grief Share** returns **January 11th.**

Save the date:

Sunday, 12/17, 4pm, **Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, 12/24, **Advent 4 Services** at 8:30/10:30AM; One **Christmas Eve** Service at 5PM

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 6PM, **Annual Bishop's Visitation**

	8:30AM	10:30AM
Ushers	Jim and Kelly McConnell	Carrie Johnson and Jean Newbell
Lector	Jim McConnell	Heather Hughes
Prayers of the People	Amelia Hipps	Keith Penley
Eucharistic Minister	Amelia Hipps	Keith Penley
Acolytes	Debbie Hayes	Ginger Penley, Heather and Sarah Hughes
Livestream on Ipad	NA	Sarah Hughes
Altar Guild	Jean Newbell	Jean Newbell
Vestry Opener /Closer	Amelia Hipps	Judy Peary
Coffee maker/clean up	Samantha Ruffin	TBD

Scan to make a donation online:



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.

Baptized believers from all traditions are invited to participate in communion. 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

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.

Postlude

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday *after Pentecost*

The Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

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

The Collect of Purity

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah (1:7, 12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them

The people kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

...

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

The Celebrant ends with a collect, then,

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you**

The Offertory Sentence and Music

The Presentation and the Doxology

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *(Let us read it by half-verse.)*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *

we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *

and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector 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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (25:14-30)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

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

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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the People, Form IV *The people kneel or stand, as able.*

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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):

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.