



EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD AND
TO BECOME TRANSFORMED DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST,
ALL FOR THE SAKE OF LOVING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

November 22, 2017

OFFERING PRAYERS & PRAISE

Prayers for...

Barb whose father passed away Monday night. Please pray for my family, especially my Step-Mother, Mary.

Continued prayers for...

Amber Jenson, Norris' daughter, and mother of Annalease and Jasmine.

Health and healing for Charlene Hanchey, my mother in law, who fell and injured her face, shoulder and elbow.

We invite you to offer prayers and thanks to God here. You can submit your requests to us online at epcnashville@gmail.com. Since we will be sharing what you submit, please omit any information or details that should not be shared with others.

From up front...

"And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

A few years ago, pop singer Joan Osborne famously sang, "What If God were one of us, a slob like one of us?" Look around right now. Could God be among us slobs you encounter this week? It's an intriguing, perhaps scary, perhaps exciting proposition.



Matthew 25 raises such a question, as it suggests that as we treat others, especially those often ignored and overlooked, the down and out, it is as if we are treating God himself. How do we measure up to this standard? Do we serve others in order to gain favor with God, or do we serve others very simply because that is a natural expression of who we are? Are our lives marked by actions of care for the “least of these”? Or to put more crudely, are you a sheep or are you a goat?

We’ll consider these questions and more in my sermon this Sunday as we look at Jesus’ last “sermon” according to the gospel of Matthew. If Jesus saved this one for last, then surely it’s one he wants his followers to remember! As we celebrate this Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, bring a friend to church, especially one who has no church home.

Meanwhile, everyone, have a blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels to our sojourners. May we all have an “attitude of gratitude” for the bounty that we all have received. See you in church!

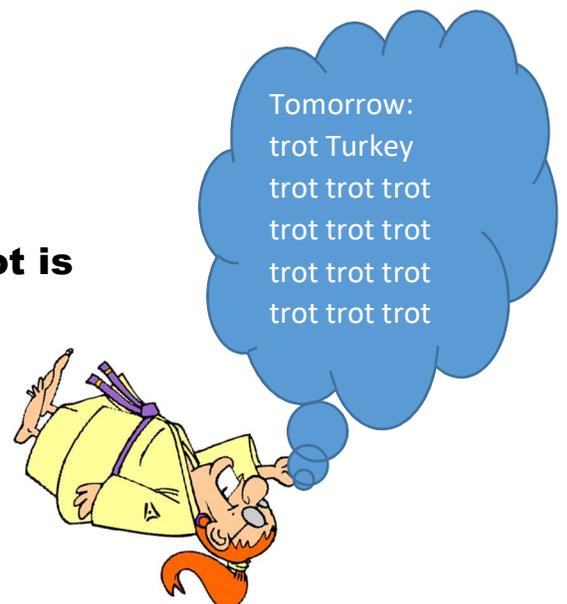
In the Grip of God,
Pastor Scott

Help us, O God, to be faithful, keep an “attitude of gratitude,” and serve others, especially those less fortunate than we. Amen.

And then there’s this:

The 5K/ 1K GraceWorks Turkey Trot is tomorrow morning.

Go to TurkeyTrotFranklin.com and register to run or help.



COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER DATES...

- *Dec. 2 @ 10AM (Saturday): Setup Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary.
- *Dec 3 – guest musician David Dunn
- *Dec 13 – next session meeting at 6:30
- *Dec 17 – guest musician Austin French
- *Dec 20 – service of healing and wholeness at 7pm
- *Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): because this is a Sunday this year, there will only be one service held, at the normal Sunday time of 10AM.
- *Dec. 31 - After church, congregation takes down Christmas decorations and tree.

*Mark
your
Calendar*

Committee news...

Building and Grounds

It is anticipated that the new sign will be up and working by mid-December, weather permitting.

Community – fellowship:

- The Fellowship Committee truly appreciates all the volunteers who provide food for treats after church! In order to help you remember, here's a list of those who have signed up for future dates.

November 26: Val December 3: Christmas Pot Luck December 10: Barb December 17: Val ?

- Elizabeth was very emphatic with her appreciation for the response to the Full Tummies/Warm Hearts program. The involvement and sharing, caring nature of our congregation came shining through. Thank you to all for your generosity.
- There is no book club meeting in December.

Community – mission/outreach

*Graceworks West, in Fairview, is one of the organizations supported both financially and through hands on work by EPC members. Go to graceworksministries.net to get more information and sign up to help. **There is always an opportunity to help in many different areas.**

Christian Education:

Two more weeks of Art's lessons from the Mustard Seed. He is also decorating the classroom walls. Come and check it out! Sunday School starts at 9:06 am.

Also upcoming, Scott is planning a confirmation class in January. If you know of any young teens who might be ready for this, please pass the word and have them talk to Scott about it.

Communication:

If you **just happen** to be sitting by someone and you **just happen** to ask if they are getting the newsletter and the answer **just happens** to be NO, please **just happen** to encourage them to put their email address in the collection plate for me and I will **just happen** to add their names to my lists so they can stay up to date with what's "**just happenin**".

Congregational Care:

Please keep Barb Halverstadt in your prayers and if you are her shepherd (Kimberley!), reach out and take special care of her during this difficult time.

Finance:

Last Sunday's offering was \$1,130.00. The children's offering for Graceworks was \$74.00. Session members are working on a proposed budget for 2018 and Norris will be working hard to put all the right numbers on the right line. Thank you Norris for doing this incredibly important and challenging job.

Personnel:

Scott's contract will be up for renewal this month. The session is taking steps to renew it while we continue to work through the process of hunting for a permanent pastor.

Worship:

As the year rolls closer to its end, the session leadership will be undergoing its annual change. Elizabeth, John S and I will be reaching the end of our terms and while John is choosing to continue for another 3 years (thank you John!), Elizabeth and I are not. Take some time and consider if God is calling you to help guide the church down its spiritual path. There will be an insert in the bulletin this week (19th) giving you the option of nominating someone to be an elder for a 3-year term. I found this to be a fascinating experience that really opened my eyes to the delicate balance of discerning what is best for the church and the struggle to always stay God-led not person-led.

ETC....

Who ya gonna email...???

Elders

Class of 2017

Faith Hanchey, communications
John Sevier, director of music & young adult education
Elizabeth Todd, community – fellowship & building and grounds

Class of 2018

Spenser Aden, worship
Alfred Takop, personnel
Jan Russell, Community - outreach & missions

Class of 2019

Norris Hoover, finance
Kerri McCullough, children's education

Pastor's Office Hours & Open Sanctuary:

Pastor Scott's office hours are on Wednesdays 9-5pm. Feel free to come by Emmanuel during these hours and use the sanctuary for a time of solitude, reflection and prayer.

Anyone wanting to have an announcement printed in church bulletin needs to email information to Scott Huie at scotthuie@comcast.net by Wednesday morning.

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Emmanuel Presbyterian Church is located on Highway 96, near the intersection of Highway 100. We are close to Bellevue, Fairview, Franklin, Leipers Fork, Pasquo, Westhaven and West Nashville. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!