

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**U.S. Congregational Vitality Survey-September 3:** We are excited to get your opinion of our congregation which will help us assess the congregational vitality such as discipleship, evangelism, leadership, worship, relationships. The survey will be taken during the worship service and should take around 15 minutes. If you are not able to join us on September 3, please let us know so we can determine a suitable time and way for you to fill the survey out.

**September 14:** The Ladies Circle will resume meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next meeting will be September 14. Betty Stevens will be hostess. All women are welcome.

**Food Collection:** Item for September-canned fruit.

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Elder of the Month – Gail Hood**

**WELCOME VISITORS-** Welcome! If you are visiting please fill out one of the green visitor's cards from the pew and place it in offering plate at the entrance of the church. We are glad you are here! Hope to see you again soon!

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Note: The EP Church is closed on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)

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Erwin Presbyterian Church  
105 N. Elm Ave., Erwin, TN 37650  
September 3, 2023 11:00AM

### **Prelude**

Ethan Thomas, organist

*Sweet Songs of Rest*

arr. Lani Smith

### **Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Jesus said, "My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

### **Introit**

*The Lord is in His Holy Temple*

Green Hymnbook, #216

### **Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-5; 45c)**

**Scott Shults**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**All: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

### **\*Hymn**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Red Hymnbook #85 v.1, 6

### **Call to Confession**

**Scott Shults**

Leader: God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together:

**Prayer of Confession****Scott Shults**

**All: God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words: instead of loving, we have practiced hatred; instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing; instead of doing good, we have sought to get evil. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon****Scott Shults**

Leader: God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Red Hymnbook, #546

**Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering****Scott Shults**

Leader: Why do we give each week? We give because we have received so much from God. We give to practice the gratitude for all that God has done for us. We give because we trust that God can do more with what we have than we can do alone. So let us practice our gratitude this morning through the giving of our gifts.

**\*Doxology***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Red Hymnbook, #544

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Generous God, you are the source of all good gifts, and you are the one who taught us how to give. Receive our offering --an act of faith that even our small gifts have power and purpose in your world. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scott Shults**

O Holy Creator, you spoke all of creation into being, we ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. Amen.

**Second Scripture Reading**

Romans 12:9-13 (p.152)

**Scott Shults**

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon***Love in God's Family*

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**Declaration of Faith****Scott Shults**

Leader: Let's confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper****Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**Hymn***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#648 Green Hymnal

Verses 1 and 3

**\*Benediction**

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**Benediction Response**

**God be with you 'til we meet again.**

**By His counsels guide uphold you.**

**With His sheep securely fold you.**

**God be with you 'til we meet again.**

**Postlude***Episode on "Truro"*

arr. Lani Smith

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary*