

**WELCOME TO
EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 14th, 2024**



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Mission Statement

“Ebensburg Presbyterians
are Christians giving help
and hope to all by sharing God’s love.”

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

O God of our salvation, you send prophets in our midst to correct us when we have gone astray, to warn us away from the crooked path, and to make clear the consequences of sin. Too often, we want to stray, we enjoy the crooked path, and we do not care about the consequences. So we twist the prophet's words or listen only in part. O God, grant us the humility to hear in a prophet's correction the honey tones of your salvation, the harmonies of your steadfast love. In Jesus' name, Amen.¹

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

for God has founded all the waters and all the lands.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in God's holy place?

All who have pure hearts, clean hands, and look to God.

Those who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O God, we seek your face! Let us worship God with gladness.

*HYMN #138 Holy, Holy, Holy (Blue Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse. We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world. Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace. Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again. Amen.¹

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.¹

*GLORIA PATRI #579 (Blue Hymnal)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (Responsively)
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please share the peace of Christ with those around)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Unison)

**Loving God, Your Word has the power to restore our lives.
Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are
mighty to save. Amen.**²

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 24 p. 436
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 6:14-29 p. 817

SERMON: "The Cost of Truth"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (Blue Hymnal)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison) p. 16

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

Heavenly Father, as we bring our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that the earth is Yours and everything in it. Bless these gifts, use them for Your glory, and guide us to steward Your resources wisely. May your glory reign over the Earth now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #455 All Creatures of our God and King (Blue Hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #586 (Blue Hymnal)

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

While much of the liturgy is written by Pastor Danielle, often times other resources may be adapted or used. Noted selections of this week's worship liturgical resources come from:

1. Call to Worship: Lectionary Companion, Vol. 57:1, 2023-2024, Year B
2. Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion: Liturgies for year B, Vol 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS
JULY 14, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM and on Facebook Live

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9:30 to 1:30

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30-3:00

Please note: The office will be closed July 29-August 2.

(Please either contact Jim Stratton or email the church with questions or for pastoral needs.)

SESSION MEETING: July 15, 7 pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Bill Carlisle, Sr.
July 7	Bennett Vaughn
July 8	Walter Feath
July 13	Marcus Magley
July 16	Luke Vietmeir
July 20	Danielle Kendig
July 26	Richard "Nik" Nikolishen
July 28	Judy Carl
July 29	Pat Mohny
July 30	Aric Bracken

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names to add to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 814 472-6920, email ebgpresby@gmail.com, or place the names in the offering plate. Thank you.

Ellyse Betlar (Pine Springs Camp counselor)	
Eva Tomb	Phil Brulia
Jim Estep	Walter Feath
Tom R	the O'Brien and Jeffers Families
Ar & Bill McKim	Claudette Segear
T. S.	Family of Carol Vaughn
Gloria Palko	Sienna
Mary Lou Carlisle	Melissa Douglas

For those who would like to contribute a piece to the August Newsletter, please send those items to the church email no later than August 22nd. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the June Food Pantry drive. Your generosity will enable the local Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to help families in need. We collected just under \$300 and will be sending a total of \$400 to the Food Pantry.

Attention Families: Children's Bulletins will be available each week for youth of all ages. Some weeks they will follow the lectionary, and they are great conversation starters for families during the week. There are also "Busy Bags" located in the back pew of the church. Any kiddo is welcome to use them during the church service. Please return them to the basket after the service.

The Mission Committee will offer half-camperships for Pine Springs Camp again this year. See Amy Brulia or Martha O'Brien if you have questions.

Because of your generosity Pastor Danielle was able to deliver a nice "care package" to "our" PSC counselor. We have also sent gift cards for gas and food. Thank you also to whoever put some money in the PSC basket last weekend. Pastor Danielle will be going to camp again at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity thus far!

During July, we are focusing on a sermon series about the Gospel of Mark. **"Journey Through Mark: Lessons of Faith, Leadership, and Love"**, is a sermon series that will guide us through pivotal moments in the Gospel of Mark, providing profound insights into faith, leadership, love, and the cost of discipleship. Each sermon will draw practical applications for Christian living, helping believers to grow in their spiritual journey and embody the teachings of Jesus.