

**WELCOME TO
EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 28th, 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)

Loving God, we come together to praise You. All Your works give thanks to You, and Your faithful people bless You. You are near to all who call on You. Open our hearts to Your presence, fill us with Your Spirit, and guide us in Your truth. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: **And we, your faithful, bless you.**

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

People: **We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.**

Leader: Come and be in this place with us O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **We offer you praise and gratitude. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN #473 For the Beauty of the Earth (Blue Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins— both things we have done and things we have left undone— in ever confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen. ¹

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)

As we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves, God's grace abounds. Let us rejoice in this truth: we are forgiven, renewed, and called to live in love. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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)
Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.²

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145: 10-18 p. 506
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12: 28-34 p. 825

SERMON: "The Heart of Law"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Blue)

*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)

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to You, knowing that all we have comes from Your hand. As Jesus taught us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, we give with grateful hearts. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom, bring hope to the weary, and show Your love to the world. Bless those who give and those who receive, that all may know Your abundant grace and boundless love. May our offerings be a reflection of our commitment to Your greatest commandments. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (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. Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion: Liturgies for year B, Vol 2
2. Call to Worship: Lectionary Companion, Vol. 57:1, 2023-2024, Year B

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 28, 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 week of July 29, office hours will be flexible and subject to change. Please call to verify whether the office is staffed or not any given day.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Bill Carlisle, Sr.
July 7	Bennett Vaughn
July 8	Walter Feath
July 13	Marcus Magley
July 16	Luke Vietmeir
July 26	Richard "Nik" Nikolishen
July 28	Judy Carl
July 29	Pat Mohney
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

Please sign the thank you card for Bob Sheehan. We are all so appreciative of all of the services that he has rendered over the past few months.

Reminder: We are invited to join members of the UCC Church for an ice cream social following worship today.

If you are willing and able to be part of the committee to plan the dinner following Danielle's ordination on August 25, please contact either Amy Brulia or Judy Carl.

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.

Today concludes our 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.