

**WELCOME TO
EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
July 7th, 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 Teacher, in Jesus Christ you have shown that even a prophet can be rejected by those who think they know best. Teach us to listen for your word in our midst; let us not be too proud to hear. Open our hearts to those we too easily disregard and the voices we readily exclude. All this we pray through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.¹

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
and our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Tell the next generation:

Our God will be our guide forever.

Come, let us rejoice and worship God! Amen.¹

*HYMN #438 Within Thy Temple's Sacred Courts (Red Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have strayed from living wholeheartedly. Envy and fear have dulled our generosity, and we tend to grow mean and destructive with our ever hardening hearts. Forgive us our sins, return to us softened hearts that see the value in others and in Your way. We pray this through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)

Siblings in Christ, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore be at peace, and love with boldness and generosity.

In Christ, we are made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*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 you.)

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 48 p. 450

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 6:1-13 p. 817

SERMON: “Rejected but Resolute”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN #178 O Master Workman of the Race (Red 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. 12 (Red)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

Holy God, thank you for giving us a joy for generosity and a genuine love for those who are in need. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives that together we may bring healing and hope to the world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.²

SENDING

*HYMN #510 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (RedHymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

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 7, 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 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

Thank you to everyone who donated to the June Foord Pantry drive. Your generosity will enable the local Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to help families in need. Totals to be reported next week.

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.

Please sign a card for "our" Pine Springs counselor. If you would like to send anything else to her, Danielle will be going to camp again at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity thus far.

If you have photos of flowers in your garden, interesting scenes from your travels, etc., please consider sharing them for use in the monthly Newsletter. **Likewise for photos** of church activities.

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.

Have you noticed the new lights in the fellowship room downstairs? Please stop by on your way out to take a look!