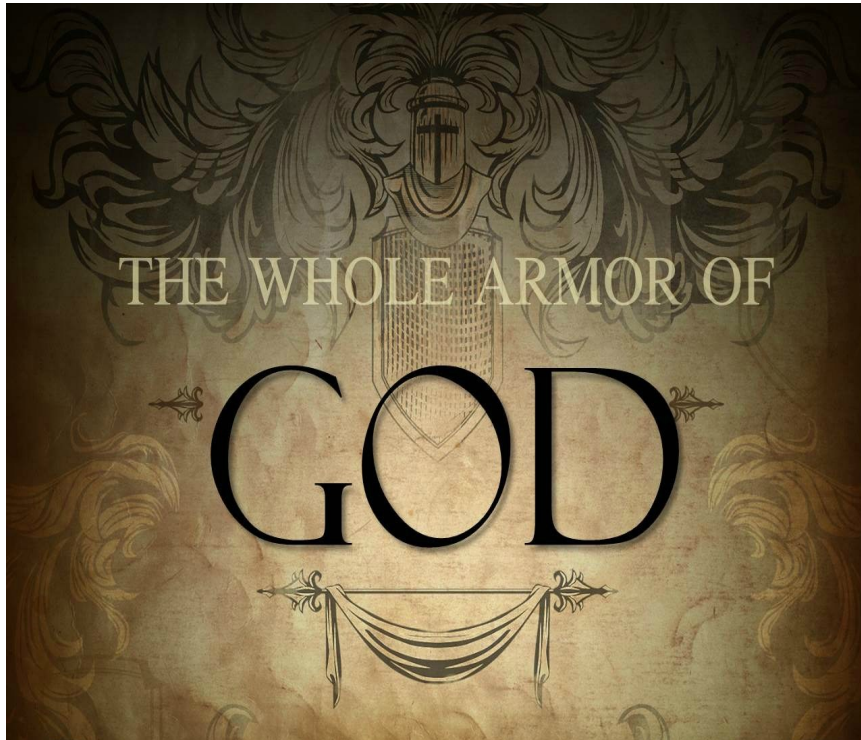


**WELCOME TO  
EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
August 25, 2024**



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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)

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

**Heavenly Father, as we gather to worship You, we thank You for the gift of Your divine armor. Clothe us in the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation. Equip us with the sword of Your Spirit and the shoes of peace. May our hearts be open, and our spirits be ready to receive Your Word. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

*Psalms 144*

**Leader:** Blessed be the Lord, my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.

**People:** He is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge.

**Leader:** O Lord, what is man that You regard him, or the son of man that You think of him?

**People:** Stretch out Your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the mighty waters.

**All :** We will sing a new song to You, O God; we will make music on a ten-stringed lyre. Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord! Amen.

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

**O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. You envision a world where all needs are met, but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power. Rather than place our trust in the armor you set before, we place our trust in worldly things that can bend and break. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. By your mercy, forgive our sins. By your grace, free us to try again. In Christ Jesus, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively) *Psalm 121*  
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.**

\*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)*

### **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; as we  
prepare to hear Your Word, clothe us in Your full armor.  
Open our hearts with the belt of truth, guard our minds with  
the helmet of salvation, and strengthen our spirits with the  
sword of the Spirit. Illuminate our path, that we may stand  
firm in Your light. We pray these things in the name of Jesus  
Christ, Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 144 p. 505  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6: 10-20 p. 952

SERMON: "Armor of God"

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN #447 Lead on O King Eternal (Blue Hymnal)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison) The Apostles Creed p. 14

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)

**Lord, we dedicate these tithes and offerings to You, acknowledging that You are our rock, training our hands for battle and our fingers for war, as the Psalmist proclaims. We trust in Your protection, wearing the armor of God: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, and the shield of faith. May these gifts further Your kingdom, equipping others to stand firm in faith and resist the powers of darkness. Bless and multiply these offerings, using them to bring peace, justice, and salvation to the world. Strengthen us, Lord, as we give in faith and love. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMN Onward Christian Soldiers (See Insert)

\*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 25

**WORSHIP SERVICE** 10 AM and on Facebook Live

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-3:00  
Wednesday 9:30-1:30

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

August 5	Jack Makosy
August 8	Philip Rice
August 15	Kristine Segear
August 24	Phil Brulia
August 25	Duane Mohny
August 27	Mackenzie Magley DeYulis
August 31	Lillian Kendig

**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](mailto: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	
Rick Blair	Zane Christian Watson
Eric Colangelo	Clair Gill
(and the YAWM team)	

**Parking for the Ordination will be available** in the UCC lot. If possible, please park there in order to leave space for guests coming from throughout the Presbytery.

**Members of Session and Pastor Danielle** are discussing whether or not to return to 11:00 Sunday worship after Labor Day. If you have advice or strong feelings about this issue, please speak to a member of Session, call the church office, or send an email to [ebgpresby@gmail.com](mailto:ebgpresby@gmail.com)

**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.

**Please note the following upcoming activities:**

August 25: Pastor Danielle's Ordination at 3:00 p.m.  
Potato Patch Prep Work Days: Wednesdays at 1:00

There is a very nice thank you note from Ellyse Betlar on the bulletin board.

**If you have anything for the September Newsletter**, please submit it to the office by Wednesday, August 28.

**If you would like a print copy of the Newsletter**, please contact the church office by phone or email or tell Martha O'Brien.