



Christ is Risen

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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

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

As we gather in worship today, we reflect on the timeless imagery of sheep and shepherds found throughout Scripture. As we lift our hearts in worship, may we recognize your tender care, your unwavering protection, and your willingness to lay down your life for us. Help us, like shepherds, to lead with humility, patience, and mercy. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

Holy One, we gather to hear the voice of the Great Shepherd.

Help us drown out that which seeks to destroy us and focus instead on the life-giving voice and words of Jesus.

Through the strength of your Spirit, be present to us as our compassionate guide and lead us into the gate of life.

On this day, we lift our hearts in worship, knowing that You are our caregiver, our guide, and our guardian.

ALL: As we share in this sacred space, may we experience Your tenderness and find safety in Your presence. Amen.

*HYMN # 115 “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd’s voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way. Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters, seat us again at your bounteous table. Amen.¹

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively) 1 Peter 2:25

We were once sheep going astray; but we have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls! Thank You for watching over us even when we were not faithful to You. Thank You for loving us unconditionally so that we could return to Your flock! It is through the Savior Jesus Christ that we are found and forgiven.

You are the Good Shepherd, You would leave ninety-nine sheep just to save the one! Your love is steadfast and ever grace is ever faithful. We rejoice in your forgiveness! 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)

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Unison)

Wonderful Shepherd, your words are like a fresh spring- life giving and full of glory. Guide our hearts and minds so that we may be led to your living waters. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 p.435-436

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18 p.872-873

SERMON: "The Many Shepherds"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #172 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison) The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

God, with humble hearts we thank you – We thank you for: your grace, this community of faith, and the many blessings and gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

* 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. A noted selection of this week's worship liturgical resources come from:

1. Beliefnet

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 21

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM and on Facebook Live

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Wednesday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

SESSION MEETING, Monday, May 13, 2024

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Austin Baker
April 5	BeenyJwok Ojha
April 8	Eva Tomb
April 11	Tina Taylor
April 13	Clifton J. Harris
April 22	Dan Orr
April 29	Ralph T. Shuey

PRAYER LIST

Year 2024 Prayer List. If you have any names to add to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920, email to ebgpresby@gmail.com or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Eva Tomb	Phil Brulia
Jim Estep	Walter Feath
Tom R	the O'Brien and Jeffers Families
Ar & Bill McKim	Claudette Segear

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.

Recycle: We are still collecting empty or unused ink cartridges for Pine Springs Camp. Place them in the box on the counter in the gathering space. We are also still collecting plastics for the Women's Help Center.

Redstone Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat: Tues May 7 at Pine Springs Camp. See the flyer at the door and let us know if you would like to go. We will again, collect the makings for S'mores for the summer camps.

Thank you for all those who provided the very delectable treats during fellowship this past Sunday! My children and I certainly felt appreciated and loved by all of you who welcomed us with open arms. A big thank you from the Kendig family to you! - Pastor Danielle

Have you ever walked into church and said to yourself "Oh, no, I forgot my envelope and I don't have my checkbook." Or maybe you are away or sick for a week or two. If you set up online giving you will never have to worry about that again. You can set it up for once a month, weekly, or a one-time donation. You can also designate what part of the donation goes to the general fund, major repairs, benevolence, and so forth.

Information is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

Information is also available for anyone interested in volunteering for the Healing Patch. Volunteers help children experiencing grief at loss of a loved one.