



Christ is Risen

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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
CHORAL INTROIT
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

Loving God, Silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek your truth. May our prayers be joined with those of our brothers and sisters in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and praise your glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: ¹(Responsively)

When we are confused

Lord, give us peace.

When we are afraid

Lord, give us peace.

When we are lost in grief

Lord, give us peace.

All: O God, meet us in this room and grant us peace!

*HYMN #1 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (Red Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison) Luke 24: 44-53

Loving God, we confess our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us. You are always faithful to us. We stand here now with humble hearts. Please forgive us, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively) Luke 24:47-48

As Christ is our witness, God’s power to pardon is immeasurable. Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! 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)

We pray this day that our hearts will be open to the scriptures this day and always. Lord, lift the veil from our eyes and allow us to witness you in the words read this day. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 4

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24: 36b-48

SERMON: "You are Witnesses of These Things"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 326 Nearer My God to Thee (Red Hymnal)

*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 #11 Holy, Holy, Holy (Red Hymnal)

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. *Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, Valerie Bridgeman Davis, and Safiyah Fosua Eds., 2007, p.60.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 14

WORSHIP SERVICE We welcome our new pastor Danielle Kendig to the pulpit this morning. Please stay for Coffee and Conversation.

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, send 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.