



Christ is Risen

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 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 Intro

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Bless us, O God, with a revered sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with our minds, hearts and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

Do not be afraid; Jesus is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news by which we are saved:

On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

*HYMN #122 Thine is the Glory

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross. Christ himself conquered even death itself on the third day, risen from the grave. So that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Therefore, trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in Unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear; bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are indifferent to the cries of the needy and those who suffer at the hands of injustice. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively):
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
**and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power
for us, Christ prays for us.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

*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 (in Unison)
**Living God, we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Open
our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may know and proclaim
your good news of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: I John 1:1-2:2 p.989

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 p.883

SERMON: "So Send I You!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 327 O Word of God Incarnate

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in Unison)
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lor; 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 heav-
en, 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

In the spirit of the first believers, Easter people who in finding new
life in the resurrected Christ, we are also called to share our goods
in common and contribute to the welfare of those in need with glad
and generous hearts.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your
goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves,
our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have
gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one
who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

*HYMN #151 Crown Him with Many Crowns

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 7

WORSHIP SERVICE We welcome Rev. Skip Noftzger to the pulpit this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY Welcome our new pastor Danielle Kendig and stay for Coffee and Conversation.

SESSION MEETING, Monday, April 8, 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.