

**WELCOME TO  
EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
June 16, 2024**



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Mission Statement

“Ebensburg Presbyterians  
are Christians giving help  
and hope to all by sharing God’s love.”

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, we come to worship this morning joining with the psalmist who declares: "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever". We prepare ourselves for this service in meditation so that we may be an inspiration to you as we worship together. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively) Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases: God's mercies never come to an end.

**They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness.**

The Lord is good to those that wait and seek Him.

**It is good that we should wait patiently for the salvation of the Lord.**

\*HYMN #293 This Is My Father's World (blue hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**Forgiving God, you've taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless in our wants. We blame our troubles on others, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown us. Forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need. Amen.**

**(Moment of Silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively):

God turns our sorrow into gladness and our times of mourning into celebration. God hears our prayers. Be confident as we pray that God heals us and forgives us.

**Know this, we are at peace and forgiven through Jesus Christ! 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 you.)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Almighty God, as you share your power and words with us, teach us to be Christ in the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

### SCRIPTURES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Job 42: 10-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: James 5: 7-12

SERMON: "THE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE"

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### Invitation to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we can never match your generosity. You are present with us even in our darkest moments. You rescue us from harm. Receive our offerings, transform them, as small as they are, for someone in need. Let us celebrate in your goodness, drawing others into this celebration through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostle's 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.

\*Hymn #555 Now Thank We All Our God (blue hymnal)

## THE TABLE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation: The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord. **It is right to give thanks to the Lord.**

The Words of Institution and Prayer

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were not a people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name saying together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In great love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.  
Amen

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray: **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.**

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We thank you for this meal that will help us grow in faith and ready to serve. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

\*HYMN #276 Rejoice, the Lord Is King (blue hymnal)

#### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden your heart, and bring peace to your soul, this day and forever more. Amen.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 16

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

**Please note: Pastor Danielle will be at Pine Springs this coming week.**

**OFFICE HOURS week of June 16:**

Monday and Wednesday 9:30 to 1:30

Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 to 3:00

**Please sign up to donate and/or help with Wheels and Wings.**

**(Further information below)**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

June 12	Jon Kendig
June 17	Rebecca Bracken Kristy Forberger
June 21	Scott Magley Mary Lou Carlisle
June 22	James Lyons III
June 23	Magdalene Bracken Brooke Lyons
June 29	June Fedora Doug Weber

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**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 is over.

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.

### **Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

Please donate to the food pantry using the envelopes in the pews during the month of June.

### **More about "our" PSC counselor:**

The administrative assistant at Pine Spring has shared a list of Ellyse's preferences for our consideration when donating items. Copies of the list are on the bulletin board and also near the basket at the front of the sanctuary.

For instance: Ellyse's favorite color is lavender. Her favorite candy is Twix. Her favorite salty snack is pretzels; She likes lemonade and cookies.

**Please note:**

**Ellyse cannot eat nuts**

### **Wheels and Wings: June 21 from 5 to 10 pm**

We will again have baked goods and beverages available for a donation. This year, we are adding a few mini-golf holes on the side lawn and patio.

Please sign up to donate beverages, provide baked goods, or help at our booth.

The sign-up sheet is available at church, or you may call the office during office hours to sign up.



A prayer for Father's Day

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

—Rev. Chuck Currie