



November 2024



**Ebensburg
Presbyterian
Church**

Mission Statement:

*"Ebensburg Presbyterians
are Christians giving help
and hope to all by sharing
God's love."*

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Worship Service

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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CHURCH HOURS

Monday: 9:30-3:00

Tuesday: 9:30-3:00

Wednesday: 9:30-1:30

Thursday: 9:30-3:00

Friday: Closed

From Pastor Danielle's Desk

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we enter this month of gratitude and remembrance, my heart is full as I reflect on a journey I was blessed to undertake in October. I had the privilege of embarking on a pilgrimage through Greece, retracing the steps of the Apostle Paul. This journey was transformative, offering both spiritual renewal and a profound connection to the early days of our faith. Standing in places where Paul preached, debated, and ministered to early Christians brought a new level of depth to his words and teachings, especially the courage and commitment he displayed in bringing the Good News to diverse communities. I sensed that same courage as I stood on Mars Hill in Athens, where Paul spoke passionately about the "unknown God" to a crowd that had never heard of Jesus. His bravery and conviction to stand firm in his beliefs inspire me to reflect on how we, too, are called to stand firm in our faith today.

In Corinth, where Paul labored to unite a divided church, I was reminded of the beautiful but challenging work of building and sustaining community. The same spirit of unity, love, and dedication that Paul sought to instill in those early believers is very much alive in our own congregation. We are a part of that ongoing story, carrying forth the message of Christ's love, just as Paul did thousands of years ago.

In light of this pilgrimage, I am looking forward to the rich worship experiences we have planned for November. This month's services offer us the opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate our shared history, and express our gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy.

This month we will be celebrating a few different Sunday services: All Saints' Sunday, Veteran's Sunday, Stand Sunday, and Gratitude Sunday. Each Sunday we will dive into a variety of scripture passages as we worship to inspire hearts of faith and gratitude.

All Saints Sunday - November 3

This Sunday, we will gather to honor and remember the saints who have gone before us. Just as I walked in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, we all walk in the footsteps of those who have come before us in the faith—those whose lives, legacies, and love have shaped us. Together, we will ring a bell in accordance with their names, celebrating the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us. It is a powerful reminder that our journey is not solitary; we are held by those who have faithfully traveled this road before us.

Veterans Sunday - November 10

We will take time to honor the courage, sacrifice, and commitment of our veterans. We will celebrate the bravery of our veterans, recognizing their commitment to peace, freedom, and the well-being of others. During this service, we will pray for peace, for those who serve in our military, and for a world where, as Isaiah envisions, swords will be beaten into plowshares.

Stand Sunday - November 17

Stand Sunday is an invitation to live out our faith boldly and actively, just as Paul did. This service will focus on standing up for justice, compassion, and kindness in our community. We will explore what it means to take a stand on behalf of the marginalized, the oppressed, and the vulnerable. As a church, we are called not only to worship within our walls but also to extend Christ's love beyond them. Let this Sunday be a reminder of our calling to serve boldly, following the steps of Christ and the apostles.

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From Pastor Danielle's Desk

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A Service on Gratitude - November 24

We close the month with a service dedicated to gratitude. Gratitude is more than a feeling—it's an expression of faith, a way of recognizing God's hand at work in our lives. This service will be an opportunity for us to gather as a congregation, offering thanks for one another and for the blessings we have received throughout the year. We will take time to reflect on how gratitude shapes our lives, drawing us closer to God and to each other.

A Season of Reflection and Service

As we move through November, let us hold close the spirit of the Apostle Paul—a spirit of resilience, courage, and unwavering dedication to the gospel. His journey reminds us that our faith is not merely a personal endeavor; it is a communal calling that connects us to those who have come before us, those who journey alongside us, and those who will come after us. Like Paul, may we be courageous in sharing Christ's love, committed to building a united community, and ever grateful for the blessings we experience. This season also reminds us of the importance of service and outreach. Just as Paul continually reached out to others, so are we called to reach beyond our own walls to serve those in need. Whether through acts of kindness, moments of shared prayer, or by standing up for justice, let us be intentional in embodying the gospel message.

Thank you for being a part of this journey of faith. I am deeply grateful for each of you and the ways you reflect Christ's love to those around you. May this November be a month of remembrance, gratitude, and bold witness as we follow in the footsteps of Paul, celebrating and sharing the gospel in all that we do.

P.S. More about my trip to come!

With every blessing and much love, and His love is unchanging.

Reverend Danielle Kendig

NOVEMBER PREACHING PLAN

11/3 All Saints' Sunday COMMUNION

Sermon: "The Earth is the Lord's"

Psalm 24:1-6, Isaiah 25:6-9

11/10 Veteran's Sunday

Sermon: "A Call to Humble Service: Honoring Those who Serve"

Psalm 144:1-2, Philippians 2:3-4

11/17 Stand Sunday

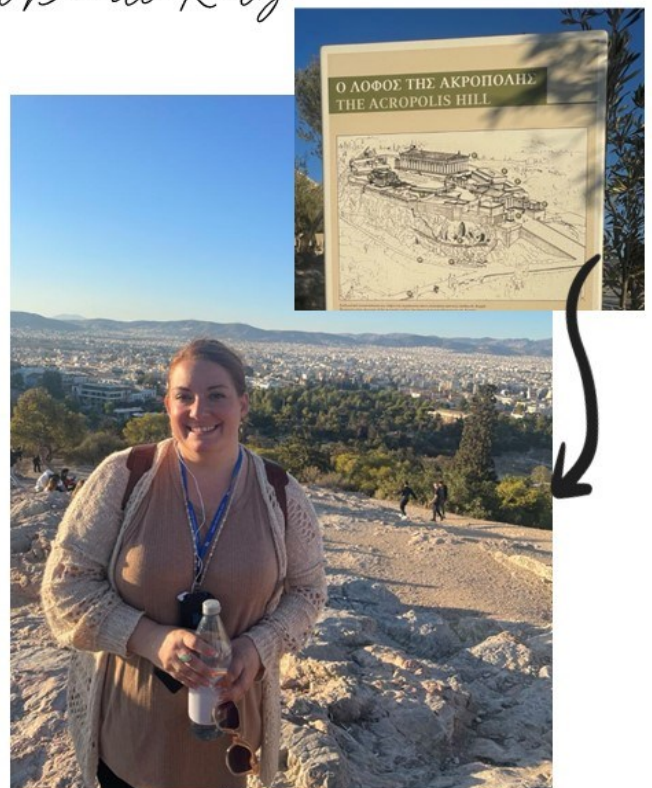
Sermon: "Mercy for the Fatherless"

Psalm 112, James 2:15-17

11/24 Gratitude Sunday

Sermon: "Title TBD"

Psalm 100, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24



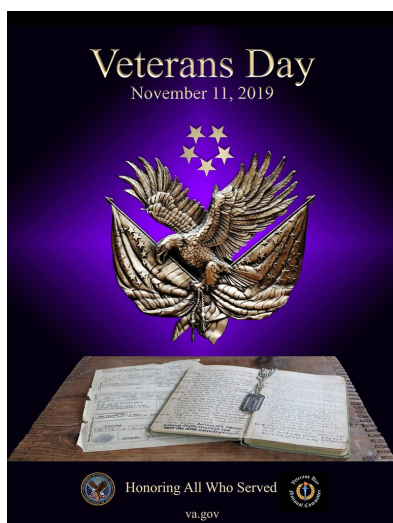
November: A time to remember and honor . . .

. . . those who have passed away . . .

All Saints Sunday Service- On Sunday, November 3rd, we will be taking time to remember those of our congregation and also our family or friends who have joined the church triumphant over the past year. Please call or email the church office if you have a name you would like to have recognized during this service. **We are also looking for volunteers to participate in the service in various ways such as ringing a bell when each name is called. Please call the church office if you are willing to participate.**

. . . and our veterans . . .

Attention all Veterans- We will be honoring all veterans on Sunday, November 10th. Please call or email the church office if you are a veteran or have a veteran you would like to have recognized..



As part of our recognition of veterans, there will be a **Coffee Conversation** after worship on Sunday, November 10.



Novemeber Birthdays

<i>Sally Tiracave</i>	<i>November 5</i>
<i>David Feath</i>	<i>November 9</i>
<i>Michelle Rice</i>	<i>November 22</i>
<i>William McKim</i>	<i>November 24</i>

Other special dates this month:

Jon and Danielle Kendig anniversary *November 20*

Thanksgiving Day *November 28*

*A Time
to
Celebrate*



From the Presbytery

Praying Jesus' Way

Saturday, November 9, 2024
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Redstone Presbytery Office
1004 Mount Pleasant Road
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
Free RSVP 724 837-6737



Presbytery
of Redstone

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

A succinct exploration of Jesus' surprising practices and teachings

- ◆ How Moses, Jacob, and Elijah influenced Jesus
 - ◆ The importance of "AMEN"
 - ◆ What Jesus might think about "Mindfulness"
 - ◆ Jesus' methods of "action spirituality"
 - ◆ What you don't know about the Lord's Prayer
 - ◆ What you might add to enhance your prayer life
- Take home packet included --

This workshop is being sponsored by the Healing Prayer Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery and is led by the Rev. Jim Farrer and the Rev. Norma Prina Murphy.



Please Join us to honor Rev. Skip Noftzger as we celebrate his remarkable journey and retirement after 11 years of dedicated service to Redstone Presbytery. Help us to send Skip off in style on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at Stratigos Banquet

Centre, located at 131 Colonial Manor Rd, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

The Celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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What's Happening...

Now that Fall is truly here, we are busy preparing for the Advent and Holiday Seasons. The Session met October 14th. Rev. Danielle Kendig opened the meeting with prayer and Book of Order training about responsibility for Communion.

The agenda was approved and minutes from September Session Meetings were also approved. One of the special meetings was to approve a concert for Saturday December 7th, for the Dickens of a Christmas Festival.

The Treasurer's Report was received. Thanks were expressed to Kris Segear for all the work that she does for the church as treasurer.

Committee reports included the following:

Budget, Finance and Stewardship: A draft budget is being prepared for the November meeting.

Discipleship: It was reported that 174 children participated in Potato Patch and 150 played Mini golf.

A prayer chain is in the works. If anyone would like to participate, please contact the church office.

Family Life: Plans are made for several activities including Christmas cards for veterans, Christmas/Advent luncheon, Christmas collections for local students, and coffee conversations.

Mission: At a recent meeting, plans were made to re-vitalize the Cambria-Gambella Collaborative, collect for the local food pantry and Christmas Joy Offering, have children select items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, and with the Family Life Committee, collect items for local students.

Personnel/Communications/Nominating: A contract for the Secretary/Office Manager position was drafted.

Property Management: The heating system was checked.

Worship: Communion is scheduled for Nov. 3rd and Dec. 1st. Pulpit supply was arranged for Sundays that Rev. Danielle will be away. Volunteers are needed to help with All Saints Sunday, liturgists for regular Sunday services, and groups/families for Advent Candle Lighting. The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be Nov. 19th at 10 AM.

In Old Business, a discussion about repairs for the dome was tabled until the November session meeting.

In New Business, several items were discussed. 1. Use of the church parking lot. 2. The Child Protection Policy was discussed. Any adults working with children in the church must provide physical copies of their PA clearances. 3. Pulpit supply 4. Following discussion, it was voted to permit Session members to communicate including voting by alternative communication technology (email, phone, zoom...) as needed.

Rev. Danielle Kendig reported that she will travel to Greece and trace the path of the apostle Paul in that region. She met with shut-ins and mentioned their prayer requests. She will be in Texas for Thanksgiving.

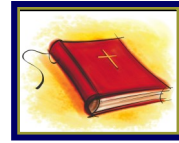
The next stated Session Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2024.



Once again Poinsettias will be available to decorate our sanctuary. A listing will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The donation this year will be \$12.00 per plant. Please place order with payment in the offering plate or send to the church office no later than Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Plants may be in memory of an individual or couple, or "Loved Ones". They may also be in honor of some occasion such as a birthday or anniversary.

Sunday Scripture Readings



November 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 26

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Psalm 119:1–8

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God; you shall love the Lord.

Happy are those who seek God and walk in the ways of the Lord.

By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean.

Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor.

November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 27

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

1 Kings 17:8–16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

With meager resources, a widow miraculously feeds Elijah.

Do not put your trust in princes; God gives food to the hungry.

Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven; he will come again to save.

Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.

November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 28

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Daniel 12:1–3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18)

19–25

Mark 13:1–8

Daniel's vision: Those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake.

O Lord, you are always with me; you show me the path of life.

Let us hold fast to our faith, preparing for the day of the Lord.

Jesus speaks of the temple's fall, and other signs of what is to come.

November 24, 2024

Christ the King / Reign of Christ

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

The Ancient One gives all dominion to a human, coming in clouds.

The ancient and everlasting Lord is enthroned in majesty.

Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega.

Pilate asks: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth.

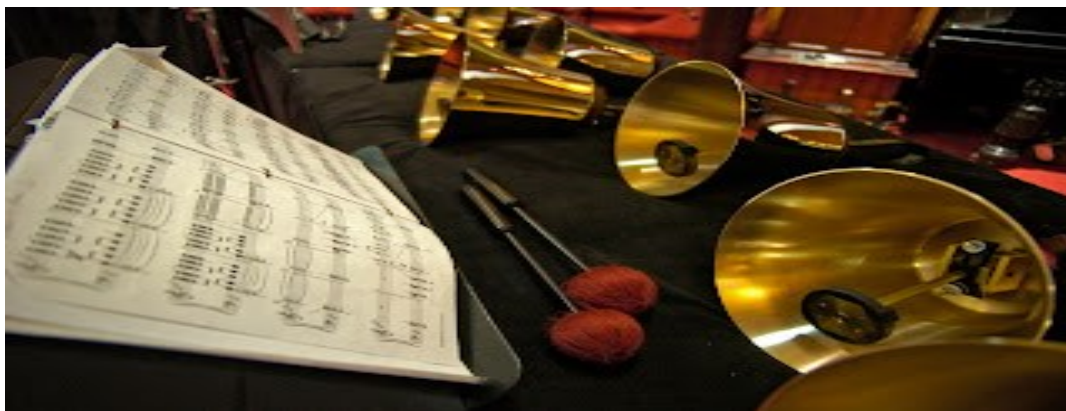
Focus on Our Youth



Addy Bracken entered her 4H sewing project in the fair this year and she got a blue ribbon. Grandma Becky reported that Addy worked a long time on the project as the pattern ended up being more advanced than they realized.

Community event “of note:”

The Three Rivers Ringers will play at the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown on November 17th at 4 pm as part of the Johnstown Concert series. Tickets can be purchased at the door and at the website Johnstownconcertseries.org





For any pastoral needs please reach out to contact Reverend Danielle Kendig at:

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Come, ye thankful people, come!

Raise the song of harvest home!



EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of October 8, 2024

Actual Operating Income: \$ 60,518.69

Actual Operating Expenses: \$ 55,430.69

Gain/Loss: \$ 5,088.00

2024 Per Capita

2024 Per Capita - Our Per Capita offering, which supports the work of the presbytery, synod and general assembly, has been set at **\$44.00**. We are a connectional church, and we encourage you to submit your per capita as soon as possible! Just mark your envelope or the memo line on your check. We are then responsible for sending this full amount to the Redstone Presbytery. Thank you!

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3 Worship: 11 a.m. and Facebook; Communion Scouts 5 to 8	4	5 Point of Free- dom NA Group 7 to 8 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10 Worship: 11 a.m. and Facebook Coffee Con- versation Scouts 5 to 8	11 7:00 p.m. Ses- sion meeting	12 Point of Free- dom NA Group 7 to 8 p.m.	13	14	15	16 NA Business meeting 9:45 a.m.
17 Worship: 11 a.m. and Facebook Scouts 5 to 8	18	19 Point of Free- dom NA Group 7 to 8 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24 Worship: 11 a.m. and Facebook Scouts 5 to 8	25	26 Point of Free- dom NA Group 7 to 8 p.m.	27	28  Office closed for Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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