



## Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>

The ever-present power of your grace in our lives will never cease to amaze us! It lifts us from our doubts and worries, saves us from our despair. You see us as your beloved creation. We are in awe of your steadfast hope in the sacred purpose of our lives. It is your belief in us that fuels our faith in you. Oh, what a joy divine to be found in your glory, and we respond, “Lift every voice and sing!” Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup> (*Responsively*)

Every time we gather in God’s name,  
we learn something new.

**What will be God’s gift of revelation to us today?**

We enter this time of worship joyfully,  
assured of God’s new mercies.

**Celebrating these blessings to come,  
we bring our love to God.**

\* HYMN# 488 The God of Abraham Praise

\*CALL TO CONFESSIONS: *2 Cor. 5:20*

In the name of Christ, I urge you, return and be reconciled to God.  
Knowing that God will listen, let us confess.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

O God, you have made us your covenant people,  
marked us as your own and charged us for lives of service.  
Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim  
or independence the highest virtue.

Call us once more to take up our crosses,  
and show us how to follow you.

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.  
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

**Amen (silent Prayer)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us and reconciled us to us.  
And by his wounds we are healed!

**Praise be to God for this abounding love! Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> CTW 571B

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.**  
(*Please share the peace of Christ with those around.*)

CHOIR ANTHEM

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,  
guide us by your Word through these forty days,  
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may reformed,  
restored, and renewed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING:           Genesis       7:1-7           Page 5

SECOND READING:       Mark           8:31-38       Page 820

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON                   The Session of Covenant Renewal

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD :**

\*HYMN# 393 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**PRAYER 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 AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *Matt. 6:21; Isa 58:6-7*

Jesus says: Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.  
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**You have shown us, O God,  
the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts— and use our lives—  
to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMN Standing on the Promises (insert)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Psalm 51:1, 11*

May the steadfast love of God,  
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit  
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# Standing on the Promises

Russell Kelso Carter, 1886

*♩* = 107

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I now can see  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 5. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

Through e - ter - nal ag - es let His prais - es ring,  
 When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 Per - fect, pre - sent cleans - ing in the blood for me;  
 Bound to Him e - tern - al - ly by love's strong cord,  
 List - ening eve - ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call

Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 Stand - ing in the lib - er - ty where Christ makes free, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of

*Refrain*

God.  
 God.  
 God. Stand - ing, stand - ing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 God.  
 God.

God my Sa - vior; Stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with four chords (F major, C minor, F major, C minor) and then continues with a melodic line: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a final quarter note D4. The lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, starting with a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3, followed by chords: F major, C minor, F major, C minor, F major, C minor, F major, C minor, and F major.

stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, continuing the melody from the first system: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a final quarter note D4. The lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, continuing the accompaniment from the first system: a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3, followed by chords: F major, C minor, F major, C minor, F major, C minor, F major, C minor, and F major.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**WORSHIP SERVICE** starts at 11:00 AM & Facebook Live

**SESSION MEETING**, Monday, Mar 11, 2024

**FAREWELL DINNER FOR PASTOR OWAR & FAMILY** join us for a covered-dish dinner tonight at 5 PM. We will supply the main dish, please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Sign up at church or call or email the office.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

February 1	Max Magley
February 3	Susan Makosy
February 3	Marsha Krug
February 7	Tim Forberger
February 17	Eva Vietmier
February 23	Laurel Lyons
February 25	Amy Brulia
February 28	Jani McKenrick Stratton

Happy Anniversary to Jim & Laurel Lyons February 13

**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](mailto: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	the O'Brien and Jeffers Families
Walter Feath	Ar & Bill McKim

A Collection will be taken for the local Food Pantry February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

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.