

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 PRAYER¹

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 WORSHIP² (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.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

O God, you have made us your covenant people,

 \boldsymbol{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.

For give us, \boldsymbol{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.

¹ 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

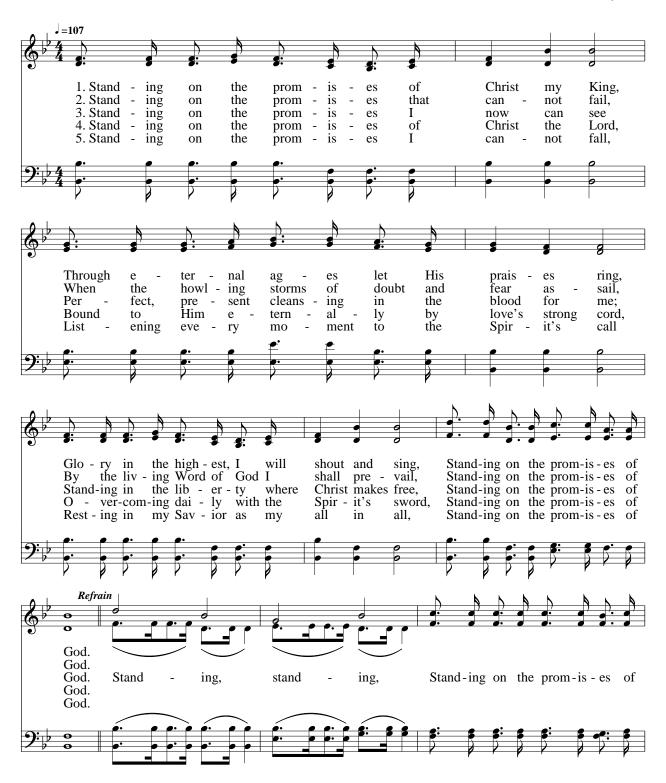
Psalm 51:1, 11

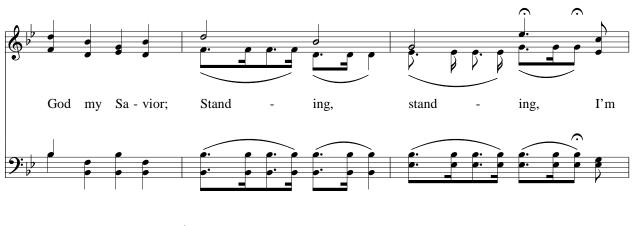
May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Standing on the Promises

Russell Kelso Carter, 1886







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



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
Hanny Anniversary to	Lim & Laural Lyang Fahmua

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 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 18th and 25th

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.