WELCOME TO

EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 31, 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

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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
CHORAL PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)
Creator God,
you called the universe into existence.
Like a mother, you shaped us from the clay of the earth,
and your breath gave us life.
We praise you for your sustaining love and grace.
Fix our thoughts and focus our hearts on you,
that we might honor you by caring for all of creation. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)
O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN #138 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (Blue)

*CALL TO CONFESSION
We are created in God's image,
and we are called good,
but too often our actions distort that image
and fail to reflect goodness in this world.
Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)
Majestic God,
You have called us to live in peace,
but we turn to conflict and hatred.
You yearn for us to work together,
but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other.
Forgive us and show us a better way
to be your people, your body, your church.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)
God knows who we were made to be
and has been waiting to help restore us
to ourselves, to each other, to community.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI #579 (Blue Hymnal)

*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.)

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)
Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 8 p.427
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a p. 1

MESSAGE *"In the beginning . . ."*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #469 Morning Has Broken (Blue Hymnal)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)
Jesus Christ is God with humankind.
He is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.
He is present in the church
by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.
This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the foundation of all confessional statements
about God, humanity, and the world.
Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.07

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please respond, **"Hear our prayer."**)
THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison) p.16

INVITATION TO OFFERING
I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*DOXOLOGY #592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of unending gifts,
we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous too.
May the gifts we bring
extend your generosity into the world,
so that all people may be made whole
by your goodness and grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

HYMN #455 All Creatures of Our God and King Blue)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:11 & 12

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

* lease stand as you are able

Much of today's liturgy comes from the "Call to Worship." Lectionary Companion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 31, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE: 11 am and on Facebook Live

Please note: Starting June 7, worship will be at 10 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: (Please note changes for Tuesday this week.*)**

Monday and Thursday: 9:30-1:30

*** **Tuesday: 9:30-11:30** ***

Wednesday 1:00-3:00

Outside of office hours, please leave a voicemail message.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of reduced staffing.

PLEASE NOTE:

Changes to regular office hours due to weather or other circumstances will be posted on the church Facebook page. If you do not use Facebook and plan to come to the office, it would be a good idea to call first to verify.

SESSION MEETING: June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

May Birthdays

May 7	Lucas Taylor
May 11	Kayt Makosy Williamson
May 18	Alec Bracken
May 23	Kevin McKenrick, Chase Forberger
May 24	Neil McKenrick
May 26	David Sowers
May 29	Sarah Elizabeth Segear
May 31	Jim Stratton

May Anniversaries

May 5	Becky Carlin and Ralph Shuey
May 28	Roger and Laura McGill
May 30	Barry and Kris Segear

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names to add to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 814 472-6920, email ebgpresby@gmail.com, or place the names in the offering plate. Thank you.

Bill and R McKim	Bill and Mary Lou Carlisle	Mandy	Mary Clare	Claudette Segear
Logan Horvath	Rick Lamer	The family of David Feath	Jeannette Guilliouma	
Fr. Patrick Kirsch	Sharon Westrick	The family and friends of Tyler Wilson	Deb Lichtenfels	
John Burgh	The Hershey family	Karl Clawson and Bernie Gorba	Ellyse Betlar	

Members of the congregation will be leading worship this week. Thank you to all who have helped!

Next Sunday Bob Sheehan, CRE will lead worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

We will once again be sponsoring a Pine Springs Camp staff member this summer. "Our" staff member is again Ellyse Betlar. Please keep her and the entire camp program in your prayers. In the coming weeks, we will be asking for in-kind donations of snacks, etc. to send to Ellyse. If any of you would like to send a card or small gift individually, please see the mailing information on the bulletin board.

Ongoing service opportunity:
Members of the UCC congregation are collecting clothing items for their mission to the homeless. At present, they are in need of **men's and women's sneakers, sweatpants, and hoodie sweatshirts.** If you drop off items in our office, we can deliver them to the UCC. Serving the unhoused in Pittsburgh is an ongoing outreach of the UCC. The precise needs will vary from time to time.
If you have gently-used shoes, clothing, or bedding that you would like to donate, please contact our office or the UCC office at any time to verify what the current needs are.

The June-August edition of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available at the back entrance to the sanctuary and on the table in the overflow room.