WELCOME TO

EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 2026

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Mission Statement

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR
PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)
Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of this summer season. As the warmth of the sun and the beauty of your creation surround us, remind us of your endless love. In the midst of our busy schedules, travel, and activities, we ask that you quiet our souls and feed our spirits. Open our eyes to see your hand in the world around us, and open our hearts to hear your word today. Guide our worship, our rest, and our play. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)
Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
People: We come before God with gladness, entering His gates with thanksgiving.
Leader: For the gift of summer days, the beauty of creation, and the blessing of community.
People: For our God whose love endures forever, let us worship and praise His holy name

*HYMN #482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (Blue Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)
Merciful God, we come to You confessing the cluttered state of our hearts. We confess that even in this season meant for rest and renewal, we have filled our days with frantic activity, exhausting our bodies and neglecting our spirits. We allow our schedules to distance us from Your presence. We have ignored Your creation, overlooked the needs of our neighbors, and chased after our own distractions. Forgive our restless hearts and our wandering ways. Pour out Your rich blessing of forgiveness and wash us in Your mercy. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)
Leader: Hear the good news: the steadfast love of God never ceases, and His mercies never come to an end. They are new each and every morning.
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and freed to love and serve.

*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.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Unison)

Almighty God, as the summer season invites us to rest and find refreshment, we come to You seeking the ultimate nourishment of our souls. As the scriptures are read and proclaimed, pour out Your Spirit of wisdom and understanding. Quiet our busy souls, and warm our hearts so that we may hear, understand, and follow Your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32:1-11 p. 440
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:25-30 p. 792

SERMON: *"SUMMERTIME WORSHIP INVITATION"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #513 Let s Break Bread Together (Blue Hymnal)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison) The Apostles Creed p. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO OFFERING
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Almighty God, we thank You for the warmth and beauty of summertime. As we enjoy the abundance of Your creation, we return a portion of what You have so freely given to us. Bless these offerings and multiply them, that they may bring light, hope, and refreshment to a weary world. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
All are welcome to the table! Please see insert

SENDING

*HYMN #403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Blue Hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CHORAL BENEDICTION

* lease stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 am and on Facebook Live

OFFICE HOURS: For the foreseeable future, office hours will be irregular. Please either email ebgpresby@gmail.com or leave a message at 814 472 6920.
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: August 10 at 7 p.m...

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 5	Jack Makosy
August 8	Philip Rice
August 15	Kristine Segear
August 25	Duane Mohney
August 27	Mackenzie Magley DeYulis

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 Ellyse Betlar Jude Oravec Family of Karl Clawson

We are pleased to welcome CRE Bob Sheehan to our pulpit this morning. Thank you, Bob!

We look forward to welcoming Gary Lichtenfels next Sunday.

****** PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, weather permitting, worship will be on the patio at the rear of the church. ******

Please plan to join us next Sunday following worship for the annual church picnic!
Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Also please bring your place setting (plate, silverware, cups...) and an appetite.

Please consider donating to the local Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may use the envelopes in the pews or simply mark “Food Pantry” on the memo line of your check.