



Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 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

Eternal God, we praise your name for your work of redemption, sending us Jesus as the promise of peace. Hear our rejoicing as we sing hymns of thanksgiving, hear our prayers as we give voice to our inmost thoughts. Fill us with the presence of your living Spirit, and give us wisdom to live in the light of your gifts. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively) Psalm 40

When I waited patiently for you, O God, you bent down to me and heard my cry

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. I have told the good news of deliverance in my great congregation; I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep me safe forever.

*HYMN #88 All Glory Laud and Honor

CALL TO CONFESSION

We long for your presence in our heart. We seek your love and come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Merciful God, you have poured out your blessings on the world, and all we can think of is our own problems, our own needs, and our own desires. Help us to yearn for your presence in our lives. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from self-pity and arrogance. Wash away our jealousy, greed, negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of being who you have called us to be. Forgive us and reconcile us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

Great news has come to us, dear friends. God, who is faithful and just, who cherishes us as we are, seeks restoration and healing for those broken places in our lives, forgives and loves us unconditionally. Receive this good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI

*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)

Choir Anthem

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 3:12-21

SERMON: "Put Our Faith In Christ"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Most merciful and gracious God accept these our gifts and bless them to promote peace and goodwill, and advance your Kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #40 Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit. And may God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

*Postlude

****Please stand as you are able.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WORSHIP SERVICE starts at 11:00 AM & Facebook Live

BIBLE2020 PROGRAM—will resume meeting in 2024!

Pastor Owar will be on VACATION and traveling to Ethiopia: January 1- 31, 2024. Bob Sheehan will be covering while Rev. Ojulu is away. Please contact Jim Stratton and other church leaders for any needs.

SESSION MEETING, Monday, January 8, 2023

HOLY COMMUNION— 2024: will be approved & announced.

Christmas Joy Offerings Offerings—Envelops in the pews

Annual CONGREGATION MEETING: Sunday, January 28, 2024 following worship service

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	
January	1, MarJwok Ojha
	2, BodoJwok Ojha
	5, Sandy Magley
	11, James Cassidy
	17, Ashely Dixon
	18, Tim Shamble
	22, Lauren Rice
	23, Anthony Taylor
	24, Micah Magley
	29, Ammanuel Ojha

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>
Bennet & Carol Vaughn
—Dec. 31

You may join our church in one of three ways:

Transfer from another congregation;

Reaffirm your faith if you have not been an active church member recently;

Profess Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Please talk to the pastor or one of the leaders

PRAYER LIST

Year 2024 New Prayer Lists begins. 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
 Jim Estep
 Ramona McKim
 Candi Elam
 Ben & Patricia Tuchi
 Peter & Margaret Funch
 Albie
 Tom R.
 Erin M.
 Marty F

Claudette Segear
 John Fedora
 Gloria P.
 Father Pat Kirsch
 Family of Richard McKim
 Phil Brulia
 Doug Wolfe
 Dave Estep
 Mary Lou Carlisle
 June Noel

**Use of the Building
Scout**

- January 7, - 5-8pm
- January 14, - 5-8pm
- January 28, -5-8pm
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**Point of Freedom Group
Every Tuesday**

January	02	6 Pm
January	09	6 PM
January	16	6 Pm
January	23	6 PM
January	30	6 pm

NA Business

Saturday, January 20 @. 9:45 AM