WELCOME TO

EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2026

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Mission Statement

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God,
in you there are no shortages and nothing lacking.
We thank you for giving us nourishment
from the flourishing fields of creation.
Form and reform us by your word,
that we may rejoice in your bounty
and share your inheritance of abundance,
all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)
The windows of heaven are open;
let us receive God's abundance.

*HYMN #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (Blue Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION:
As much as we try not to stray: we do.
As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.
As we continue on this journey,
let us seek God's forgiveness.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)
O God, we are quick to say,
"We didn't know."
"We didn't mean to."
"We didn't expect that to happen."
But we have not tended the soil of our lives.
We let it stay shallow and rocky
by not learning from the experience of others.
We let it be riddled with thorns
by succumbing to our own prejudices.
Life-giving God,
Help us to tend our soil.

Open us to being challenged,
enable us to learn,
so that your word will take root
and bear good fruit in our lives.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)
There is no condemnation for us:
God has forgiven us
that we might live according to the Spirit.
The Spirit of God dwells within us.
Thanks be to God!

*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.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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: Genesis 25:19-34 p.19
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:1-11 p. 918
THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 p. 794

Sermon *"Sowing the Seeds of the Kingdom ."*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Blue Hymnal)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsively)
Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness,
interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison) p.16
INVITATION TO OFFERING
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
At the communion table:
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#447 "Lead On, O King Eternal" (Blue Hymnal)

*CHARGE AND 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
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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: July 13, at 7 pm.

July Birthdays

July 1	Bill Carlisle, Sr.
July 7	Bennett Vaughn
July 8	Walter Feath
July 13	Marcus Magley
July 16	Luke Vietmeir
July 26	Richard “Nik” Nikolishen
July 28	Judy Carl
July 30	Aric Bracken

July Anniversaries

July 9	Herman and Judy Carl
July 15	Tim and Kristy Forberger
July 17	Tim and Debra Shamble

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

From the bake sales held at Wheels and Wings and at the Parade a total of $621 was raised for the Dome/Roof repair project.