



MAY THE
GOD OF PEACE
GIVE YOU PEACE
AT ALL TIMES
IN ALL WAYS.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 6 - OCTOBER 4

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

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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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (*Responsively*)

Psalm 8

The God for whom we have waited is among us!

We share in the Spirit who encourages us, instructs us,
consoles us, and calls us together as the body of Christ.

**We gather to worship the God of all creation who crafted the seas and
mountains, and yet cares for each of us and our peace. Alleluia!**

* HYMN#276 **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

Genesis 1

God does not take pleasure in our suffering
or delight in our failures
but bids us to turn back to God’s way
and find eternal life.

Let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

Holy God,

**we confess to you: We are not of the same mind. We do not share the
same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as
better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others
instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each
other as you served us and reflect your glory in this world. Amen**
(*Moment silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame.
God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and leads us in what is right.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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.*)

THE WORD OF GOD

¹ CTW 561A

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (*in unison*)

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Hebrews 5:11-14 *Page 973*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 6:1-3 *Page. 973*

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Move Beyond the Elementary Teachings!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS# 85 What Wondrous Love Is This

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: When your people were wandering in the wilderness, you gave them drink, with water from a stone. Still, in your mercy, you satisfy our thirst.

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Jesus demonstrated the depth of your love: not demanding perfection or requiring sacrifice, but redeeming sinners who repent and turn to you.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**Christ has Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By your Spirit, allow us to share the mind of Christ, emptying ourselves of power and privilege and obeying you in humble service. Help us sharing your love and peace with the world....

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we bless you, God of glory, and pray in unison, saying: **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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful— those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMNS# 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *John 14: 27; Num.6:24-26*

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

““The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Major Repair Project is in its last phase!

Please continue praying for the project and prayerfully consider donating to this cause—The Lord God will give us success. Please, contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders for more information.

Bible2020 Program

Bible Study Program Wednesdays @7pm. Come Join us!

SESSION MEETING— Monday, October 9, 2023

Worship Service starts at 11:00 AM & Facebook Live

World Communion Sunday and Global Peace offering: October, 1 2023

Wee Kirk™ 2023 Northeast Small Church Conference: October 9, 10, 11, 2023 Laurelville Mennonite Church Center 941 Laurelville Lane Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania 15666

OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

October 12	Addyson Bracken
October 14	Effriam Vietmeier
October 20	Laura McGill
October 24	Shannon McGill
October 27	Apay Ojulu

Happy Anniversary

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names, you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Eva Tomb
 Ray McKim
 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 (new)

Use of the Building Scout

- October 1 - 5-8pm
- October 8 - 5-8pm
- October 22 - 5-8pm
- October 29 - 5-8pm

Point of Freedom Group

Every Tuesday

October 03	6 Pm
October 10	6 PM
October 17	6 Pm
October 24	6 PM
October 31	6 PM

NA Business

Saturday, October 21 @. 9:45 AM

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