

Sanctify them in the

*truth*

Your word is truth.

John 17:17

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 15, 2023

**EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always!

**All thanks and praise to God!**

Do not worry about anything.

**We trust in God who provides for us.**

Let the peace of God settle among you.

**We will share God’s peace with all.**

HYMN# 155 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CALL TO CONFESSION

From ancient times to now,  
God’s people have turned away.

We are no different:

we let fear take hold of us

and try to go our own way.

Let us be honest about how we have failed  
to follow God.

*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)*

**True God from True God,**

**we have not built a golden calf,**

**but we have worshiped idols.**

**We have put our trust in what we build with our own  
hands.**

**We find security in what we can hoard  
instead of trusting your provision.**

**We listen to lies that spread hatred and division  
instead of the radical truth of your word.**

**Forgive us.**

**Melt down our idols until we see only you  
and fix our sight on your way alone.  
Amen (Moment of Silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

God shows us a different way—

a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence.

This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

**Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people,  
forgiven and freed.**

\*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**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts  
and your Spirit govern our lives  
until at last we see the fulfillment  
of your realm of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING            Hebrews    *9:23-28*        *P. 976*

SECOND READING        Hebrews    *10:32-36*       *P. 977*

The Word of the Lord,  
Thanks be to God!

SERMON                    You are Clean and Green

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

HYMN#394 There Is a Balm in Gilead

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 OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of the harvest,

you are continually planting the seeds of your love  
in our world and in our lives.

As we bring our gifts to you,  
may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope,  
planted deeply in our community. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

\*HYMNS#356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Philem. 25

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with your spirit. **Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*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, November 13, 2023

**JOINT SESSION MEETING:** Monday, October 23, in Colver PC

**WORSHIP SERVICE** starts at 11:00 AM & Facebook Live

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICER:** Sunday November 5, 2023

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Happy Birthday**

October 12	Addyson Bracken
October 14	Effriam Vietmeier
October 14	Averi Bracken
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